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Labour threat to tighten up City mergers

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Labour Party has finalized its plans for a sweeping package of legislative reforms on mergers and monopolies policy designed to impose strict controls on the rash of takeovers in the City. They would have a profound effect on company takeovers and on the stock market value of companies deeply involved in the merger business.

The plans, to be announced shortly, have five main elements.

- Companies bidding for others and seeking to take them over would be forced to give prior notification of their bids to the Office of Fair Trading.

During the period which followed, probably of 30 days, it would be open for the employees of the target company and other interested parties to make representations. The bidding company would be forced to say in some detail what its plans were for the existing workforce.

- The so-called "Tebbit formula" whereby competition is virtually the only criterion to be considered by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in deciding whether to refer a bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would be abolished.

A Labour Industry Secretary would have to consider other questions such as the public interest, the effect on employment and the maintenance of strategic industries.

- A Labour Secretary of State would announce new guidelines for referrals to the MMC which would ensure that reference of bids for companies in certain sectors of the economy would be almost automatic. Those would include defence contractors, newspapers and all high technology companies.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has blocked rival bids from Tate & Lyle and Gruppo Ferruzzi of Italy for control of British Sugar. Ferruzzi is likely to reduce its stake in S&W Berisford, British Sugar's parent. **Page 19**

- The Office of Fair Trading, during the period of notification, or the mergers commission, after a bid had been referred, would be given the power to secure undertakings from the bidding company.

They could, for example, insist on the appointment of a particular chairman or board members to the merged company as a condition of approval.

- The commission would be given new powers to monitor a merger after the bid had gone through. Where undertakings had been given (as, for example, when Guinness indicated it would appoint Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, to the board of the merged company after the takeover of Distillers and then failed later to honour its promise) the commission and the Government would be able to discipline the company if it failed to keep to its undertakings.

That could be done by taking action to block price rises and in the case of severe breaches of conditions the commission would be able to recommend to the Government the breaking-up of the merger and the reversion of the company into its separate parts.

The new plans were considered by Labour's industry policy committee this week and are expected to be announced soon by Mr Robin Cook, the party's chief spokesman on trade.

Labour is also believed to be considering further plans to protect company pension funds from take-over "predators".

Labour spokesmen have made it clear that the party is not opposed to all mergers but believes that takeover activity has got out of hand. It wants to encourage a sharp decline in the number of mergers.

Labour planners wish to alter the burden of proof so that bidders have to demonstrate that industrial or consumer gains will result from any proposed merger. They also want to extend the rights of the workforces involved both to be informed and to be consulted about what is proposed.

The mergers and monopolies plans form part of a wider industrial policy in which the emphasis is placed on tackling unemployment.

The new policy, now being polished into its final form by Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign co-ordinator and spokesman on Treasury affairs, is expected to be launched by Mr Neil Kinnock on March 11, shortly before the Budget.

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Reagan 'knew' of Iran arms

The Tower Commission report, to be released today, has concluded that President Reagan, far from being kept in ignorance of the Iran deals, was briefed on them regularly. According to an official who has seen the report, Mr Reagan's participation in the discussions was minimal

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UK recovery

Industrial recovery has spread to all parts of the country and manufacturing output will rise by 4 per cent this year, two new reports say **Page 19**

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Wigan 'win'

Mr James Anderton, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, intervened to ensure that Wigan Athletic could go ahead with their FA Cup quarter-final at home to Leeds United **Page 40**

Beating bias

The battle to combat anti-industrial attitudes will be won only by continuing action, particularly by industry itself, says Diana McMahon, of Industry Matters, in an introduction to today's eight-page General Appointments section **Pages 26 to 33**

Portfolio —Gold—

- **The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £8,000 — double the usual amount because there was no winner on Tuesday — was won yesterday by Mrs L. Walters of Stevington, Bedfordshire. Details, page 3.**
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Janner vows to list Nazis living in UK

By Howard Foster

As many as 40 Nazi war criminals are free in Britain, it was claimed last night, and there is already pressure on the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, to act upon allegations that at least six Nazis are still alive in this country.

Labour MP Mr Greville Janner has pledged that he will "name names" in the House of Commons if evidence produced by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles is strong enough.

Last night the existence of a further list of 34 alleged war criminals was revealed by a Scottish Television documentary team which is today handing the names to Mr Janner's war crimes group of MPs, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Crown Office of Scotland.

While the list of six is believed to be restricted to Latvian and Lithuanian refugees, the list of 34 also includes emigrés to Britain from Russia, Poland and other countries in Eastern Europe.

Representatives of the Wiesenthal Centre are due to meet Mr Hurd on Monday to discuss their own list, which consists of 17 names accused of crimes, including mass murder. Of them, the Home Office has established that six are definitely alive, two are probably alive, three are dead and the remainder are as yet untraced.

Mr Janner has already alleged that Mr Antonas Gecas, a 71-year-old retired mining engineer living in Edinburgh, is a surviving war criminal. Yesterday, Mr Gecas said that he had nothing to say on the disclosures of the Commons all-party committee and would not confirm or deny that he had been visited by Home Office officials.

Latvian and Lithuanian organizations in Britain were last night unable to identify anyone on the list of six alleged war criminals still alive.

The list of war crimes allegedly committed by the 17 original name includes the murder of thousands of civilians, Jews, non-Jews and gypsies mainly in Latvia and Lithuania. One is said to have been the police chief in Riga, Latvia, where the country's largest population of Jews was wiped out in 1941-2. Another was also a police chief responsible for murdering Jews, Latvians and gypsies.

'Ivan' confrontation

Jerusalem — In a dramatic court confrontation here yesterday, a Treblinka death camp survivor identified Mr John Demjanjuk as "Ivan", the camp executioner (Ian Murray writes).

Mr Eliyahu Rosenberg asked Mr Demjanjuk to remove his glasses. Then he took off his own thick pair and walked to the edge of the dock.

Mr Demjanjuk rose to meet him and they stood there, staring into each other's eyes. Suddenly Mr Demjanjuk held out his hand. Mr Rosenberg recoiled. "Rodef!" he cried — Hebrew for a relentless hunter. **Trial, page 7**

Two women candidates with their eyes on Westminster

Mrs Deirdre Wood (left), and Mrs Rosie Barnes yesterday during the final hours of the Greenwich by-election campaign.

Alliance senses a famous victory

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Voters in Greenwich go to the polls today after the dirtiest by-election campaign this Parliament with the Alliance confident of a victory which could dramatically upset the Prime Minister's general election plans.

Less than seven weeks after a poll put Labour 35 percentage points in the lead, all the signs pointed last night to a photo finish in a seat the party has held for 50 years. Mrs Rosie Barnes, the SDP candidate, and the Alliance camp are genuinely confident.

Defeat for Mrs Deirdre Wood, the hard left Labour candidate, would spell disaster for Mr Neil Kinnock's hopes of getting into Downing Street and, although Mrs Wood continued to predict yesterday that she would win the seat, Labour officials used the eve-of-poll press conference to rehearse a "million reasons" for defeat.

Mr Frank Dobson, the affable Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras who has been Mrs Wood's "minder" throughout the campaign, said: "We have been faced with one of the nastiest, most personalized, horrible attacks on any candidate ever in any by-election, aided and abetted particularly by the SDP."

The Conservative camp admits privately it is doomed and yesterday Mr John Antcliffe, the party's young candidate, and Mr David Mellor, the junior Home Office minister, concentrated their attack on the Alliance, presumably in the hope of persuading Tory voters tempted to vote SDP to remain loyal and so allow Labour to win. Tactical voting by the anti-Labour electors will, more than anything else, determine who is returned.

Mr Mellor said previous Alliance by-election victors had sunk into oblivion since reaching the Commons: in Greenwich, the Alliance had fought a "candyfloss" campaign. That jibe prompted Mrs Barnes to provide the quote of the by-election. "I don't dissolve if licked", she said.

While Alliance strategists now privately believe they are coasting towards victory, Mrs Barnes was more reserved. Asked by how much she would win the seat, she answered: "Enough."

General election: G Barnett (Lab) 13,361; A Rolfe (C) 12,150; T Ford (SDP All) 8,785; I Dell (BNP) 259; R Mallone (Fellowship) 242; F Hook (Comm) 149. Lab maj. 1,211

- William Hills, the bookmakers, made Mrs Rosie Barnes the odds-on favourite to win the Greenwich by-election last night after taking more than £8,000 in bets

Radio to get new national networks

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

A fundamental overhaul of the system of radio broadcasting, designed to create hundreds of new local radio stations and three new national commercial networks, was proposed yesterday by the Government.

The Green Paper, *Radio: Choices and Opportunities*, is seen by ministers as a potential vote winner, with particular appeal to inner city voters who are being offered the opportunity to create new stations appealing to their ethnic interests.

The consultative document called for the broad deregulation of existing commercial radio stations, reaffirmed the BBC's role as a provider of national and local radio services, and rejected the proposal of the Peacock Committee that Radios One and Two be privatized.

The proposals were welcomed by both the BBC and advocates for community radio. They received a cautious reception from the Independent Broadcasting Authority, which could lose its mandate to regulate commercial radio.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said the Green Paper was, "a framework for radio broadcasting which will take it into the twenty-first century. The opportunity will soon exist for a much greater range of services appealing to a wide and diverse range of interests."

He said implementing the recommendations would require legislation, which could be introduced early in the next Parliament.

The Government left open

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Shia mourners call for death of Syrian Army commander

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

"Death to the killers of our martyrs," they shouted at the cemetery of red mud outside Basta yesterday. "Death to Ghazi Kenaan. For whose benefit were our innocents killed?"

There were more than 7,000 Shia Muslims beneath the trees of the "martyrs' cemetery" in west Beirut, cursing the Syrians and calling for the death of the commander of the Syrian Army here.

It was an impressive, and for the Syrians, ominous, display of anger as the 23 Hezbollah militiamen killed by Syrian troops hours earlier were carried to their mass grave.

Five hours after the funeral, a car bomb exploded only 100 yds from a Syrian Army checkpoint on the Airport Road in what appeared to be the first attack against Syrian troops since they entered west Beirut last Sunday. At least 10 people were wounded.

For the Syrians, yesterday could turn out to be the point of no return, the day on which they committed themselves to the struggle for control of west Beirut with no chance of negotiating a settlement with the militias.

The Syrians say they shot the 23 Hezbollah men when they came under gunfire at the militia headquarters in Basta. The Hezbollah condemned what they called a "savage massacre", claiming that Syrian soldiers had led the men away as prisoners and murdered them. A Muslim hospital official said later that some of the victims had been knifed to death.

Brigadier-General Ghazi Kenaan had made it clear that the Syrians were going to deal harshly with the gunmen of west Beirut, but even the Hezbollah apparently did not expect Syrian soldiers to open fire in Basta on Tuesday.

General Kenaan, one youth shouted at the graveside, was "an agent of America". The mother of one of the youths screamed hoarsely: "May God take revenge on them (the Syrians). May God take revenge on those who sent them."

The identity of those to whom she referred was an open question. For both Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal leader, and Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, agreed to the entry of the Syrian Army after Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, and the Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament, formally requested Syrian military intervention to end the week of fighting and looting in west Beirut.

In Kuwait yesterday, the newspaper *al-Qabas* reported that some of the foreign hostages held in Beirut had been transferred to the Iranian Embassy in the city.

The embassy compound stands on Corniche Mazraa and Syrian troops now patrol the surrounding streets. Unless the Iranians are themselves trying to secure the release of the captives, however, the building would be an unlikely — and insecure — place in which to hold kidnapped foreigners.

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Labour's ban on Wapping is ended

By Robin Oakley
and Tim Jones

The Labour Party and the TUC decided yesterday to end their ban on talking to journalists from papers published by News International. Their boycott had been operated in support of former print union employees of the company who went on strike and were dismissed.

Unions directly involved in the dispute took a decision to end it earlier this month and urged their members to apply for termination payments of up to £29,000.

Both the Labour Party national executive committee, which took its decision by 21 votes to four and the TUC General Council decided to press for the introduction of laws to limit foreign ownership of the media.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the party leader, was one of those who spoke in favour of ending the ban during a short discussion at yesterday's meeting.

Significantly, the two print union representatives on the NEC, Mr Gordon Colling of the National Graphical Association and Mr Ted O'Brien of Sogat '82 supported him.

The four NEC members who voted in favour of continuing the ban were three MPs, Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Mr Dennis Skinner and Miss Joan Maynard, and Miss Linda Douglas, the representative of the Young Socialists.

£14.5m quest launched to find Aids vaccine

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

British scientists will move to the forefront in the quest for an Aids vaccine with a £14.5-million project announced by the Government yesterday.

Leading scientists and specialists are to pool their experience in a research programme directed by the Medical Research Council.

The aim is to develop a vaccine against Aids and drugs to treat people already affected.

Details were announced by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services. Plans are still being drawn up but they involve researchers in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Oxford and London.

"The project will be part of an international research effort," Mr Fowler said. "This project will mean that we are better placed to collaborate with and to benefit from what is being done in other countries."

Sir James Gowans, the council's secretary, said, "Some of the most distinguished scientists in the country have helped to shape this programme ... We have a feeling of optimism that we can make a significant contribution to the international effort to find a vaccine against AIDS."

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Screening service for women

By Our Science
Correspondent

The Government is to establish a national breast cancer screening service for women aged over 50 in an effort to reduce the toll of 15,000 deaths a year from the disease.

The programme, which is being set up within the next few months, could lead to about 1,600 to 2,000 lives being saved annually, based on results of studies in other countries.

Britain's death rate from breast cancer is the highest in Western Europe and the disease is the most common form of cancer among British women, with 24,000 new cases a year.

Neither the cause of breast cancer nor the means of preventing it is known.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, announced details of the scheme yesterday following the publication of a report by a working party chaired by Professor Sir Patrick Forrest. The group investigated the potential benefits, costs and implications of a national programme of mammography, or X-ray screening.

The cost of the project could be about £18 million a year with an initial capital cost of about £31 million.

The report says that women aged between 50 and 64 should receive priority for screening. They would be screened once every three years. **Parliament, page 4**

Pope to beatify Reformation martyrs

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs
Correspondent

The leaders of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches in England moved yesterday to defuse a potential inter-church quarrel over the execution of 85 Roman Catholics at the time of the Reformation.

The Pope announced in Rome that the 85 martyrs were to be formally beatified — one step from canonization — on November 22. Their acceptance for beatification had been announced last year.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and Cardinal Basil Hume of Westminster made statements emphasizing that this move by the Pope was not meant to be contentious or divisive.

Dr Runcie said that "group loyalties die hard" but added that it was important that others should understand with sympathy the Englishmen who had remained faithful to Rome, and died for it.

Cardinal Hume said yesterday: "As Roman Catholics recall and honour their 85 martyrs we shall not forget all who in those troubled times from both sides of the religious divide laid down their lives because of a total commitment to their beliefs."

Of the 85, none were women as they were less likely to receive the death sentence. The dates of the martyrdoms run from the time of Henry VIII to Charles II, when the last of them, Father Charles Meehan, sometimes called Mahoney, was hanged, drawn and quartered for being a Roman Catholic priest, a capital offence at the time, at Ruthen in 1679.

William Pike, or Pyke, a joiner from Moors, near Christchurch, Hampshire, was hanged, drawn and quartered, an unusual penalty for a layman, at Dorchester in 1597 "for being reconciled to the Catholic Church."

George Errington, born in Northumberland and educated at Trinity College, Oxford, was hanged, drawn and quartered for "persuading to popery" at York in 1596. He is believed to have been acting as a courier and contact man between Roman Catholics in the North of England and the continent. He had earlier been imprisoned in the Tower of London.

Father John Sugar, a seminary priest from Wolverhampton, was hanged, drawn and quartered at Warwick in 1504 "for his priesthood".

After the ceremony in November these and the others, will be known in the Roman Catholic Church by the title "blessed."

For the beatification of martyrs, the Holy See requires documentary proof of martyrdom, and the elimination of any possibility that the candidates abandoned the Catholic faith before death, or died for motives which were partly political. It is this last criterion which has stood in the way of the beatification of Mary Queen of Scots."

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NEWS SUMMARY

Abortion student still to decide

An Oxford University student at the centre of an unprecedented legal battle over the fate of her unborn baby was last night said to be staying with friends in the North while she decided whether to go ahead with an abortion.

Mr David Greene, the student's London-based solicitor, said that she had left Oxford and added: "She wants peace and quiet to reach her decision". But he said that an appointment for the abortion made for today at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, had not been cancelled.

The father, aged 23, a postgraduate student of Magdalen College, was said to be very distressed yesterday by the prospect of the operation going ahead.

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Singer to sue paper

Elton John last night launched a High Court libel action over allegations in *The Sun* newspaper concerning a drugs and vice scandal involving young men.

Mr Frank Presland, the singer's solicitor, said last night that Mr John would seek "enormous" damages.

The newspaper claimed that "bizarre orgies" took place at a mansion.

Mr John, aged 39, of Old Windsor, Berkshire, who is in Australia recovering from a throat operation, was said to be flabbergasted by the story.

Kent resigns

Mgr Bruce Kent, vice-chairman and former general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, has submitted his resignation to Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster.

In a statement, he described his move as "retirement from the active ministry", made necessary by the strain of trying to cope with his two conflicting roles, as a Roman Catholic pastor and as a controversial campaigner for a political cause.

Cardinal Hume deeply regretted Mgr Kent's decision.

Menuhin honoured

The Queen has appointed Sir Yehudi Menuhin, aged 70, a member of the Order of Merit. The honour is in the personal gift of the Queen and recognizes outstanding achievement in the arts and sciences.

The Order, founded by King Edward VII in 1902, is restricted to 24 holders at a time. Until Menuhin's appointment yesterday there were two vacancies, after the deaths of the Lord Stockton and Henry Moore, the sculptor.

Menuhin became an honorary Knight of the British Empire 22 years ago. In 1985 he adopted British citizenship, which meant he could be addressed properly as Sir Yehudi.

Thumb is found

A Birmingham surgeon drove three miles to search for a carpenter's severed thumb before successfully carrying out a six-hour operation to sew it back on.

Mr Keith Porter (right), consultant trauma and orthopaedic surgeon at Birmingham Accident Hospital, two medical students, a policeman and a neighbour searched wood shavings and sawdust for the thumb of Mr Stephen Dillworth, aged 31, severed at his Harborne workshop.

Mr Porter said: "It was like looking for a needle in a haystack".

Police chief moves

Mr Charles McLachlan, the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire for 10 years, is to become Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for the south of England, the Home Office announced yesterday.

Mr McLachlan, a policeman for 33 years, takes up his new appointment, which will cover nine forces, on May 5.

He rose to prominence during the year-long miners' strike when he threw a police cordon around Nottinghamshire, where most pitmen continued working, to keep out pickets from other areas. Hundreds of arrests were made.

Mr McLachlan also made the news when his force became the first to have police vehicles carrying firearms on permanent patrol on key sections of the M1 and the A1.

Union launches battle to win back members

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Transport and General Workers Union today launches a vital drive for new members.

The rally at Wembley conference centre could prove to be the most important in the union's history, aimed at staunching the losses caused by recession, unemployment and the drift-away from the trade union movement.

The growing numbers of temporary workers in the regions, who lack any organization, are a particular target.

The union, Britain's biggest, will press home the benefits of belonging to the TGWU using a television commercial, including a speech by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader and a TGWU member, a troupe of stars, and a jingle written by the Communards pop group.

As a follow-up, all the union's 550 officials will help toorganize campaign teams in the North, tailoring their approach to particular firms. The campaign will be led by Mr Bill Morris, deputy general secretary of the union.

It will be aimed initially at the Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside, with the campaign visits supported by press and television advertising.

Behind the drive is the "new realism" that has engulfed the entire union movement in the wake of new technology, and legislation that has ended the authority the unions once had over industry.

That is reflected in the loss of power within the TUC of blue collar unions representing the traditional industries and the ascendancy of the white collar and technological unions.

The reality of more than three million out of work has deprived the union movement of both members and funds and created fierce competition for new members as the shop floor becomes a more flexible place and traditional demarcation of jobs is eroded.

The brutal facts that the unions must face are that the larger part of the workforce can see no good reason for joining them. This is shown dramatically in the drop in TGWU membership, which being the biggest has lost the most.

In 1979 the union had 2,228,000 members at a time when 55 per cent of the workforce was organized. By 1985 that figure had fallen to 1,434,000 and only 44 per cent of workers belong to a union.

The mechanics of loss for the union lie in the simple truth that when inflation rages and living standards are under threat, then people are drawn into the movement. When inflation is checked but unemployement soars, the reverse happens.

Other unions have reacted differently in the bid to win members and several, notably the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU), have negotiated a string of discount benefits for members with insurance companies, building societies, investment advisors and car dealers.

The union admits that such benefits are a powerful weapon in attracting new members and much to the ire of the left, others have followed the same course.

New claims on Zircon spending as ban is lifted

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

New allegations about expenditure on the Ministry of Defence's Zircon spy satellite project are published today after two High Court injunctions against Mr Duncan Campbell, the *New Statesman* journalist, were lifted.

After the court decision yesterday, which allows Mr Campbell to continue writing about the Zircon affair, the Speaker of the Commons also removed the restriction on the banned BBC film being shown in the House. Within hours MPs and journalists were shown it.

In today's *New Statesman*, Mr Campbell claims that the Permanent Secretaries Committee on the Intelligence Services (PSIS) in the Cabinet Office has approved expenditure of £200 million on Project Zircon.

Last night Mr Robert Sheldon, the Conservative MP who is chairman of the Commons public accounts committee, said that he would be "very surprised" if this level of spending had been approved. Ministry of Defence sources have admitted to only about £70 million.

The *New Statesman* takes Mr Sheldon to task for "making conflicting and inconsistent statements" about why he had not originally been informed of the Zircon programme, expected to cost up to £500 million if the Government decides to go ahead.

Last night Mr Sheldon hit back at the allegations against him, repeating his previous statements that there had not been a breach in the 1982 agreement with the Ministry of Defence under which all projects in excess of £200 million (£250 million since June 1986) had to be referred to the public accounts committee.

He said: "When I was interviewed by Campbell for his BBC series on secrecy, I knew nothing about Project Zircon, so I thought it could be a breach of the agreement.

"Later when I checked up I was convinced that there had not been a breach because the money approved had not gone beyond the £250 million mark. There are lots of defence projects that are started. If I was informed of all of them, I would be inundated."

Today Mr Campbell claims that the Ministry of Defence was relying on a "get out clause" whereby highly classified projects could be kept from the public accounts committee on the grounds of national security. The National Audit Office was informed but it was up to Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, to decide when to tell the chairmam of the PAC.

The new attack against Mr Sheldon and the Government's handling of the Zircon affair appears in today's *New Statesman* because of the lifting of the legal restrictions imposed after Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, applied for injunctions in the High Court last month.

The two injunctions stopped Mr Campbell making further disclosures about Zircon and destroying any relevant documents. Before yesterday's five-minute private hearing in front of Mr Justice McCullough, Mr Campbell gave an undertaking not to disclose further secret material about Project Zircon.

Yesterday the BBC in Scotland said that legal advice was still being considered on whether to sue for damages over last month's raids on their Glasgow offices by the Special Branch, who were looking for material relating to the Zircon programme.

● Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers and Listeners Association, has accused the BBC of violating its own violence guidelines in last week's episode *EastEnders*.

In a letter to Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC governors, Mrs Whitehouse said the episodes were "permeated with physical and verbal violence".

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The Rev Adrian Newman, curate of St Mark's, Forest Gate, comforts Mrs Theresa Barton at the funeral of her daughter, Keighley, at Manor Park cemetery, east London, yesterday. Keighley, who was aged 14, was murdered by her stepfather, 15 months ago.

Anglo-Irish agreement

Terrorist violence increases

By Richard Ford

There was an upsurge in terrorist violence in Northern Ireland last year as street disorder erupted as part of protests against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Although the number of deaths rose from 54 in 1985 to 61, there was a larger increase in shootings, bombings and sectarian attacks brought about largely through a revival of "loyalist" paramilitary activity and demonstrations against the deal with Dublin.

The number of people injured rose from 916 to 1,450, shooting incidents from 196 to 285, explosions 148 to 172 and armed robberies from 459 to 724.

Government ministers and senior security force members privately predicted there would be a rise in civil disorder as a result of opposition to the agreement, although much of the trouble on the streets was less than had been feared.

However, in the 12 months after November 15 when the agreement was signed there has been little decline in republican paramilitary violence. The figures indicate a continuing level of republican terrorism which the security forces are only able to erode slowly.

Yesterday official and democratic unionist parties launched a booklet chronicling the violence and disorder in both the north and the Irish republic since the agreement was signed.

Mr Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the DUP, denied that loyalist politicians were responsible for the violence. He blamed the Government, accusing it of discarding the ballot box in favour of confrontation.

● The Government was criticized yesterday for its apology to the Irish Republic over four soldiers planting a listening device south of the border.

The incident was seized by Unionists as proof that a much-heralded improvement in cross-border security under the Anglo-Irish agreement has not happened.

Mr Robinson said: "I think it indicates just how little cooperation had been brought about by the Anglo-Irish agreement.

"If we had proper cooperation from the Irish Republic no one would take these steps because the bugs would be set by the security forces in the South."

TUC cuts back staff pay rise

By Tim Jones

More than 200 employees of the TUC have been told their anticipated pay rise will be halved this year because of the financial crisis facing the organization.

But a move by Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, to freeze his £30,000 annual salary was rejected yesterday by the General Council, which insisted he should receive the same award as other TUC employees.

Council members heard that the TUC was heading for a £500,000 deficit this year, partly because of 100,000 decline in affiliated members.

The decision to peg the pay rise follows the leaking earlier this week of a report, commissioned by the the building workers' union Ucatt, which accused the TUC of being imprudent and profligate.

According to the union, the TUC's expenditure was likely to increase from £5.78 million in 1985 to more than £7.6 million in 1989.

Following a recommendation by the finance committee, the organization's employees will now be limited to a 3.9 per cent pay rise in April, in line with inflation. They had anticipated receiving about 8 per cent.

The council also agreed to seek to increase the TUC's income by staging a commercial exhibition at the annual Congress, charging an admission fee to visitors and taking advertising in publications.

After yesterday's meeting Mr Willis said there was no great crisis and he had no fears about the financial health of the TUC.

CPSA votes for political fund

More than half of the members of Britain's largest and most volatile Civil Service union, the CPSA, yesterday decided by a two-to-one vote to set up a political fund.

Mr John Ellis, general secretary, said the result showed the extent to which the Civil Service had become politicized.

The fund, which could raise £15,000 a month from a levy of 10p, should, Mr Ellis said, "give a pretty bold sign to the Government about the nature of the changes that are taking place within the Civil Service".

Three face TSB share charges

Three men accused of making false applications for shares in the Trustee Savings Bank last year were remanded on bail yesterday at Bow Street Magistrates' Court.

They are the first applicants to be charged after a number of police investigations into the flotation of TSB shares on the Stock Market.

Rupert Nicholas Stephenson, a self-employed consultant aged 22, of Abercrombie Street, Battersea, south-west London; Keith Samuel Springer, an insurance broker aged 25, of Cavendish Gardens, Trouville Road, Clapham, south-west London; and James Alexander Thompson-Schwab, aged 24, of Green Acres, Longtown, Carlisle, are charged with conspiring to obtain shares from Lazard Brothers by deception.

All three were remanded on unconditional bail until March 18.

The court was told that investigations were continuing and that committal proceedings were expected on April 22.

Alan Franks at the General Synod

Parliament in clerical garb

When two or three are gathered together in His name, it is one thing; but when there are 500 or 600, it is quite another.

To members of the laity the assembly hall inside Church House, Westminster, where the General Synod of the Church of England has been meeting all week, looks like a very large council chamber in a regional authority.

Except that more than 50 per cent of those present are wearing clerical collars, and at the conclusion of a long and passionate delivery by Miss Ruth Etchells, principal of St John's College, Durham, there is not applause, but silence, after which everyone stands up and begins to pray.

Today, of course, is the big one, when items 11 and 12 of the agenda, concerning the controversial report by the House of Bishops on the ordination of women to the priesthood comes up for debate.

As is now well-known, this is likely to cause a schism no less emphatic than the one stitched into the composition of that other Parliament a stone's throw away on the other side of the abbey.

In a sense the synod does come across like a quasi-parliament; plenty of jaw-jaw, but with bray-bray giving way to pray-pray; members sitting it out in one of the anterooms, listening to the debate over a tinny speaker, but on the tables before them, instead of *Spectators* and *New Statesmen* are things such as the Church House publishing catalogue and pamphlets from the South American Missionary Society.

> ❝ Here were the purple-vested bishops, God's front bench . . . ❞

On the walls are notices directing visitors to the public gallery, all done in the rough felt-tip manner befitting a parish function.

Then there is the tea-and-sandwiches room downstairs, where huge queues with impeccable patience form at elevenses; and hung against the marble bricks of the staircase, gigantic portraits of great churchmen, the Pitts and Gladstones of the profession, like Randall Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury for 25 years at the beginning of the century.

The resemblances between the two bodies become alarmingly stronger on the floor itself. Take yesterday morning, for example.

Here was the Bishop of Southwark, chairman of the synod's social policy committee, rising to commend report GS 756, a thwacking great study on poverty, of the kind usually produced by parliamentary select committees. Here too were the purple-vested bishops in the centre of the hall, God's front bench, nodding stoically.

Here was speaker number 201, the Rev Peter Hobson, of St Bride's Rectory in Old Trafford, struggling against the five-minute rule to deliver himself of sentiments like this: "The economic strategy in this country favours quite disproportionately those in the higher income bracket . . . there is a clear relation between economic policy and welfare benefit . . . after the war there was a great deal of poverty, but it was a poverty in which we all shared . . . the real decision is about the kind of society we want".

It was the performance of a sort of sacerdotal Dennis Skinner, and the whole occasion threatened to become for just a moment the Labour Party at prayer, or even, God forbid, the Church Militant Tendency.

Then up jumped another speaker who, quoting from the report, said: "The New Right is neither helpful nor feeling". Secular politics, it seemed, had finally subsumed the function of the church. But not quite, for redemption arrived in the following form: "In love we will go forward and work out the best way to reach the poor, the disadvantaged and the hungry".

And so to lunch, in a restaurant not dissimilar to the kind you find at the Palace of Westminster. Except that here you are more likely to stumble upon a Habgood than a Howe, a Runcie than a Radice. And yet over by the wall is the Tory MP John Stokes, a member of the synod; the Conservative Party at lunch.

This morning, in what will be a packed and heated session on women priests, we shall see how the church manages to eschew the rhetoric of the State. Let us pray.

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Welfare state not just for poor, synod says

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The General Synod of the Church of England maintained its reputation as a critic of government social and economic policy yesterday with a debate and resolution staunchly supporting the principle that state welfare was not just for the poor.

Numerous speeches emphasized that attempts to make the welfare state only a safety net for the least well off would be to deny the idealism on which post-war social policy had been constructed. And most claimed that the real inspiration for the welfare state was Christianity.

As usual on such occasions the enemy, the Conservative Government, was mostly left unidentified, as in the opening address by the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Ronald Bowlby.

"In some quarters, it has become intellectually respectable to ignore or disparage the poor, either by pretending that they hardly exist, or that their poverty is their fault anyway.

"This is a gross distortion of the proper argument we need to have about resources and distribution. It is essential that this synod should resist such an over-simplification and evasion of the hard facts", he said.

But he came close to a party political statement when he remarked: "Many of the present Government's policies are intended to shift the balance between the generation of wealth and its distribution, yet in the process some are being made to suffer much greater hardship than others".

The Government's lone voice was Mr John Stokes, Conservative MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge, who said the report on welfare policy before the synod "exaggerated the number of poor".

It would be unwise of the Church to continue to take a grim view of the economy, as most people had never been so well off.

● An amended motion calling on the Church Commissioners and the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England to pursue vigorously the policy of disinvestment in South Africa, including progressive acts of disengagement to increase pressure on the economy, was heavily carried.

Divorce discretion

By Alan Wood

Those who have been divorced or are married to someone who has been divorced will be able to seek ordination under the provisions of a draft measure which the Synod yesterday sent to Westminster to seek Royal Assent.

It was the concluding stage of a 10-year process during which the proposed legislation has been strongly contested. It removes the prohibition on the ordination of anyone affected by divorce and subsequent remarriage.

But any such applicants will be vetted by the Archbishop of Canterbury or York.

Opposing ratification of the measure, the Rev David Holloway (Newcastle) felt the Church must give some lead to reverse the tragic epidemic of divorce in Britain which had the worst record in Europe.

The motion was carried in all three houses – bishops by 29 votes to five; clergy by 139 votes to 65 and laity by 125 votes to 77.

● The Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Rev Roy Williamson, had a heart attack at Synod and is likely to be in Westminster Hospital for two weeks.

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Accused 'had to be restrained'

Russell Bishop, an unemployed labourer accused of murdering two Brighton schoolgirls, had to be restrained from going near the bodies when they were found, a court was told yesterday.

Kevin Rowland, aged 18, a hospital porter, told Hove Magistrates' Court that he and a friend had found the bodies on a steep, wooded slope in Wild Park, Brighton.

He had told his friend to fetch help. The friend had returned, followed by Mr Bishop, who tried to step over him as he sat on the ground. "I put my arm out. I said, 'Don't go anywhere near them'."

Mr Rowland was giving evidence at a committal hearing against Mr Bishop, aged 21, of Stephens Road, Brighton, who is accused of the murder of Karen Hadaway, aged nine, and Nicola Fellows, aged 10, last October.

He told the court he and his friend were searching undergrowth at a place in the park known as Jacob's Ladder. They were on a small track when he stooped to look under an overhanging bush and saw part of a body, the side of a face and a hand.

He said he was 15 feet away and could see only one of the girls, and he did not go any closer. Neither did Mr Bishop after he arrived.

The prosecution has said Mr Bishop told the police he saw Nicola lying on her back with Karen's head resting on her stomach. He had claimed he felt for a pulse and that the bodies were cold and stiff.

Dr Iain West, a pathologist, said that Nicola could have been punched unconscious before she was sexually assaulted. Both girls died as a result of compression of the neck.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Radio to get new stations

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the question of who will regulate the new services. Options include the creation of a new authority, the transfer of responsibility to the Cable Authority, or the IBA.

However the Green Paper made it plain that the Government wants a much lighter regulatory touch than that historically administered by the IBA. Stations will not be required to broadcast news, but if they do, it must be accurate and impartial.

Station operators would not be permitted to express their own views on religious matters, subjects of political or industrial controversy, or current public policy. Neither would the viewers of particular persons or organizations be permitted to predominate.

Nothing could be broadcast which offends against good taste or decency, or was likely to incite crime or disorder. Stations would be required to deliver the kind of services promised when they applied to use the frequency.

Officials said it was unlikely all the new stations could be introduced quickly. Some channels will become available as a result of the end of simultaneous broadcasting on VHF and medium wave.

The BBC is to be given another national VHF frequency, to which it will move Radio One. Other channels will be available almost immediately, allowing for the first of the stations to be on air within 18 months.

Mr Brian Wenham, managing director of BBC Radio, said the BBC's audience share, now about 75 per cent, would almost certainly be reduced, but this was not a cause for alarm. It was likely Radio Three would also be broadcast exclusively on VHF.

Baker due to reject Ilea's request for an extra £125m

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

An appeal from the Inner London Education Authority for permission to spend an extra £125 million this year is likely to be rejected by Mr Kenneth Baker at a key meeting on Monday, it was disclosed yesterday. Ilea, Britain's biggest education authority, says the money is needed to avoid damaging cuts in services.

But Mr Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is determined that the authority should stay within the £942 million limit set under the Local Government Finance Act.

The authority will press its case next week when politicians and senior officers go to see Mr Baker at the Department of Education.

Ministerial determination to resist Ilea's case was underlined by Mr Robert Dunn, a junior education minister, on Tuesday night when he said that the time had come to call a halt to the authority's "profligacy".

Mr Dunn castigated the authority for spending more money than any other in Britain, saying that its expenditure was 78 per cent above the grant-related expenditure target set by the Department of the Environment.

The next highest was Haringey with spending 31 per cent above the target.

While Ilea educated 4 per cent of English schoolchildren, it accounted for 8 per cent of local authority spending on education and it spent 30 per cent more per pupil than comparable inner city authorities such as Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle. Its budget was 60 per cent above that of Birmingham.

The minister also attacked the Ilea's alleged refusal to manage its teaching force properly, saying that unless action was taken it would have 1,300 surplus staff in a year's time.

Yesterday Ilea gave a warning of dire consequences for the capital's education service if Mr Baker does not accede to its request.

A paper drawn up by Mr David Riggs, the Ilea's finance director, outlines ways of cutting £80 million from the projected budget of £1,067 million this year.

But, the authority said, this would involve leaving one in three vacant posts unfilled and reducing services on all fronts from adult education to the youth service.

Mr Baker will be told that Ilea has lost £1,000 million in government grant during the past seven years because of the operation of Whitehall penalties, and that even if it halved its current expenditure it would still not qualify for rate support grant.

It would not be getting any government help to pay for the 16.4 per cent teachers' pay deal and the cost of providing services in London was inevitably higher than in other parts of the country.

Mr Baker will also be reminded of Ilea's special difficulties; 45 per cent of secondary pupils receive free school meals, one in five has parents out of work, one in four comes from a single-parent family and a total of 161 different languages are spoken in the homes of Ilea pupils.

Ilea denied that it was again crying wolf, saying that the gap between the proposed budget and the government ceiling was bigger than ever and there was less room for manoeuvre than in past years. Ilea's finance committee meets to decide its next move on Tuesday and has until March 10 to set a rate for this year.

Union says heads are near breaking point

Head teachers in the east London borough of Newham are allegedly near breaking point because of lack of staff (Our Education Reporter writes).

They are to be advised by their union to cut down on additional responsibilities caused by teachers who refuse to cover for their absent colleagues, which means that thousands of children may have to be sent home.

According to the National Association of Head Teachers, Newham has a total of 148 teaching vacancies in its primary and secondary schools.

The association argues that by April, at least 15 classes will be without teachers. Many of Newham's supply teachers are being used to cover permanent vacancies.

Head teachers say they are overburdened because of a policy of no-cover being adopted by members of the National Union of Teachers.

At a meeting with the borough's director of education next week, heads will emphasize that many of them are no longer able to cope for the following reasons:

- **Parents are now abusing and insulting them for sending children home.**
- **Truancy is increasing because of staff shortage.**
- **Head teachers have to confine leave of absence to emergencies.**

Love of trains did not include tickets

By Craig Seton

A lonely drop-out who wanted to meet people travelled 20,000 miles on British Rail trains to chat to passengers, without paying a penny in fares.

It was, Robert Kimberley, aged 53, said the greatest adventure of his life.

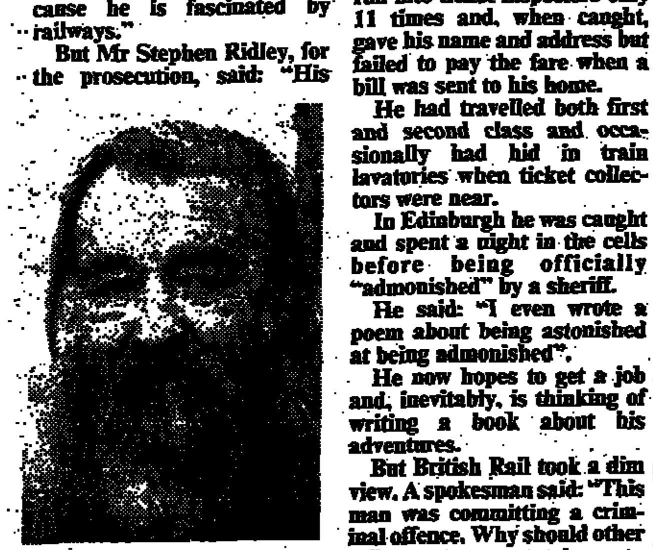
Yesterday Kimberley, an unemployed former advertising executive and railway porter, appeared at Birmingham Magistrates' Court charged with obtaining journeys without payment over a 19-week period.

He was remanded on bail for social inquiry reports on condition that he stayed away from trains and railway stations until his next court appearance in a month.

He admitted three charges of dishonestly obtaining rail journeys, including trips to Holyhead and Bristol, and stealing a British Rail sandwich. He still faces 16 similar charges of travelling without payment.

Mr Roger Faber, his solicitor, said: "It was his opportunity to meet people in a confined space where they were a captive audience for his discussions. He just travelled backwards and forwards because he is fascinated by railways."

But Mr Stephen Ridley, for the prosecution, said: "His enthusiasm for railways did not extend to paying fares".



Robert Kimberley, a ticketless traveller.

Outside the court Kimberley, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, said he had travelled all over the British Isles without paying a penny and knew of a dozen ways of travelling free.

Kimberley, who worked for Goodyear before "dropping out" and then becoming a Birmingham railway porter for a short time, said: "I know of at least three ways of getting on trains without a ticket at Euston, which is one of the biggest mainline stations, but I had better not say how".

He has now bought a travel card to journey legally on local trains in the West Midlands.

His obsession with the railways started, he said, because he lived on the seventeenth floor of a tower block, which was a lonely existence.

He said: "The world was not going to come to me. I adored trains so much that travelling became the greatest adventure of my life.

"I just could not stop and I met dozens of interesting people from all walks of life."

Kimberley said that in 19 weeks of travel to towns and cities across the land he had run into ticket inspectors only 11 times and, when caught, gave his name and address but failed to pay the fare when a bill was sent to his home.

He had travelled both first and second class and occasionally had hid in train lavatories when ticket collectors were near.

In Edinburgh he was caught and spent a night in the cells before being officially "admonished" by a sheriff.

He said: "I even wrote a poem about being astonished at being admonished".

He now hopes to get a job and, inevitably, is thinking of writing a book about his adventures.

But British Rail took a dim view. A spokesman said: "This man was committing a criminal offence. Why should other railway passengers have to subsidize his travel?"

Long waits head NHS complaints

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Long waits for hospital treatment are still top of the list of complaints about the National Health Service, according to a survey published yesterday by the National Consumer Council.

Delays in hospital transport services, problems about community services, women's health services, emergency dental services and chiropody services are also frequent sources of complaint.

In one incident, an elderly man whose wife had had a heart attack was told by an ambulance driver to administer oxygen to his wife, as there was no one else in the ambulance. She subsequently died.

The survey was carried out in a random sample of 74 community health councils and local health councils and 106 advice centres in Britain.

It also highlighted cases where people had been discharged from hospital without adequate community support, often without friends or relatives being notified.

Complaints covered hospital inpatient and outpatient services. "Patients wait up to a year for a first appointment to see a consultant in the ophthalmology department", a council in the North-west said. "If inpatient treatment is subsequently required, a wait of at least another year follows."

Women's health services also came under attack, with complaints mainly directed at delays in cervical screening services. M

Councils blamed the delays on staff shortages, new work rotas and changed priorities.

Advice centres said that most complaints concerned delays in paying social security benefit and running into debt. They reported an increase in the numbers of clients with multiple debts, mainly families with children.

Dr David Bellamy, the naturalist, introduces a barn owl to Chloe Buckler, aged five, of Guildford, at the launch at Wentworth golf club yesterday of a £500,000 appeal by Surrey Wildlife Trust.

The trust, of which he is president, hopes to raise the money within the next year to buy woodland, heath, down and wetlands; establish a visitors' centre; buy vehicles, machinery and provide educational material for schools.

Mrs Sheila Pankhurst, appeal director, said £500,000 might seem daunting but she hoped for help from industry.

The trust claims that in the past 10 years a quarter of all the county's unimproved grassland, 16 per cent of its heathland, 7 per cent of its woodland and 135 miles of hedgerow have disappeared. More than 1,000 acres of high value wildlife habitat are being destroyed every year.

(Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Tamil allegations

Refugees tell of racketeers

A Tamil refugee group has given the Home Office the names of two agents said to be involved in smuggling people into Britain.

Mr Pat Mylvaganam, who is counsellor for the Tamil Refugee Organization said he had been given the information by genuine refugees and decided to pass it to the authorities.

"Immigration officers tend to believe that all Asians are liars. I feel they should know there are people who are honest and we don't wish to recommend people who aren't genuine for political asylum, because you lose credibility for the organization," he said.

He identified "Ravi" as a big agent in Colombo and said "Siva" had contacts in Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan and Malaysia, but said the names could be false.

The second agent was named by a young woman refugee who arrived in Britain at the end of 1986.

Mr Mylvaganam's information ties in with a report from the Malaysian Government about a well-organized syndicate, with connections to Kuala Lumpur, smuggling Tamils into Britain.

Investigations there disclosed "an intriguing operation to smuggle Sri Lankans to Britain with monetary gains as a motive," Mr Rais Yatim, Foreign Minister, told reporters.

The probe was launched last week after the Home Office discovered that 64 Sri Lankans who arrived in London earlier this month had tickets and false passports issued in Malaysia.

Mr Yatim said: "Those involved in the operation had used Malaysia as a touchdown point and the majority of the tickets held by the Sri Lankans were purchased here, probably by agents or outsiders."

He said the Malaysian Government had no knowledge of the operation, and said the Home Affairs Ministry would try to determine how the passports used by the Sri Lankans were forged. He gave no other details of the syndicate.

"Our investigations reveal there is a *prima facie* case for us to dig deeper into the scandal," he said. "It merits further probing and the Government intends to get to the bottom of the matter."

Mr Mylvaganam said some Tamils were victims of profiteering and that forged visas had been supplied by agents who charged as much as £1,800. The cheapest British Airways flight from Sri Lanka to London costs from £282 to £302.

The fact that there is a syndicate smuggling Tamils into Britain came as no surprise to the Home Office. A spokesman said yesterday: "We have known all along that this was organized by an agent and that it was a racket".

Rapists get longer sentences

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

A call for tougher sentences to match the "increased nastiness" of the offence of rape, made by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, has had a salutary effect.

In the six months after the guildelines were issued a year ago, the proportion of sentences of five years or more for rape doubled, according to evidence being studied by ministers.

Lord Lane had called for a minimum sentence of five years for adults convicted of rape, with no mitigating factors, who had pleaded not guilty.

In cases involving two or more rapists, or abduction, and for men who burgled their victims' houses or had responsibilities towards their victims, he suggested a minimum sentence of eight years.

At the top end of the scale, Lord Lane said, were offenders who mounted "campaigns of rape". They should get jail terms of 15 years or more.

Those with perverted or psychopathic tendencies, who were liable to be a danger to women indefinitely, should get life imprisonment.

Sir Dudley Smith, Conservative MP for Warwick and Leamington, called yesterday for a change in the law to impose a minimum four-year sentence for rapists, with no remission. "I believe that too many judges and magistrates err on the side of leniency", he said.

- A recent study on the use of peremptory challenge in jury cases found it was used in more than a fifth of serious criminal cases, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, told the Greater London Area Conservative Women yesterday.

Mr Hurd said: "If the aim is, as it should be, to keep the random principle, then peremptory challenge is a distortion which is open to abuse and unfair to the general interest".

He did not believe its continued existence was defensible.

75% say credit is too easy

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Three-quarters of people think that credit is too easily available in Britain, according to a Gallup survey.

Gallup asked questions on credit cards in its latest national survey of just under 1,000 people. Only 14 per cent of respondents thought that credit in Britain was properly controlled.

Most, 75 per cent, thought that credit was too easily available to shoppers.

Both banks and stores grant credit cards too readily, according to the survey results, with 36 per cent believing that banks do not check individuals enough, a figure rising to 38 per cent for in-store credit cards.

A significant proportion of people thought that the banks and stores encouraged debt; in the case of banks, 32 per cent, rising to 44 per cent for stores.

Fewer than half of respondents blamed individuals for getting into difficulties. Most people did not expect problems meeting their own payments.

Just over a quarter, 27 per cent, knew people who were in difficulties because of money owing on their credit card. Significantly, this proportion rose to 44 per cent for people in the 16-24 age group.

The figures in the survey are at odds with those provided by the credit card companies. Barclaycard says that less than 1 per cent of its cardholders are in long-term difficulties.

'I pushed my wife and she fell down'

A prison officer accused of murdering his first wife more than 21 years ago admitted yesterday that he pushed her and she fell down the stairs.

Mr Bryn Masterman, aged 47, told the jury on the third day of his trial at Nottingham Crown Court that he had argued in bed with his wife, Janet, over his passionate affair with another woman.

After she threatened to leave him and take their two young sons, Mr Masterman said he hit her once on the head with a small stool.

She ran out of the bedroom at their Nottingham home, and he pursued her to the top of the stairs.

Mr Masterman said he grabbed hold of her nightdress. He wanted to stop her so that he could reason with her, but she spun round and slapped him.

Mr Igor Judge, QC, for the defence, asked him what he did next. "I pushed her, sir, with my left hand. I just pushed her away and she went down the stairs."

At this point Mr Masterman broke down in tears.

He said his wife landed on the uncarpeted hall floor, hitting her head.

As she lay there she pleaded, "Help me Bryn, help me". Again, sobbing, Mr Masterman went on: "I will help you, love, I will help you".

He told police he had found his wife at the foot of the stairs when he got up that morning "because I knew I was responsible for Janet's death and I didn't want my boys to grow up with that knowledge".

Mr Masterman, who now lives at Gertrude Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, has denied murdering his first wife in 1965. She died later from her injuries and an inquest recorded a verdict of accidental death.

The trial continues today.

£50,000 for man in coffin fall

A pall bearer was awarded £50,000 in damages yesterday after a High Court judge accepted his claim that he suffered a severe knee injury when a coffin containing a 15-stone corpse landed on his leg.

Mr Justice Pain, giving judgement in the High Court, said the side of a grave into which Mr Allan Williams was preparing to lower the coffin gave way and he ended up with one foot in the hole.

The coffin followed him into the grave, pinning his right knee to the ground, the judge said as he approved the agreed damages.

Mr Williams, aged 42, of Lensbury Way, Abbey Wood, south-east London, claimed somebody had forgotten to put supporting boards underneath the artificial grass matting around the grave.

His former employers, the undertakers Francis Chappell and Sons, the rector and gravedigger of the church, St Giles the Abbot in Farnborough, Kent, and the parish council all admitted liability for the accident in June 1982 and agreed to pay the damages and costs of the action.

Mr Williams, who is now a hospital caretaker, said: "I I would still like to be doing the job".

Conservationists show their mussels

by Celia Haddon

Conservation campaigners have made sure the world knows about the menaces to such famously endangered species as the sperm whale, the black rhinoceros, the giant panda and the snow leopard.

But the latest candidate for rescue from extinction is an obscure bivalve – *margaritifera margaritifera*, or the freshwater pearl mussel – which takes a human lifetime to grow about sixteen centimetres.

It has only one, potentially fatal (for the mussel) distinction: it occasionally produces a pearl.

Today the European parliament will turn its attention to the fate of this dull-brown bivalve as Dr Alex Sherlock, Tory Euro-MP and ecological spokesman for the European Democratic Group, moves for its full protection by the EEC.

After months of study he has produced a full report (with bibliography) on this modest shellfish, which has been translated into all the languages of the Community.

***Margaritifera margaritifera* is under severe threat from predatory man. In some European rivers it has died out altogether and it is declining rapidly in the south-west of England and in the more populated parts of Scotland.**

The reason is that the mussel is a choosy creature. It will only live in oxygenated fast-flowing rivers, and because it is a filter feeder is extremely sensitive to pollution. Worse still, it starts its life as a parasitic larva which lives in the gills of the brown trout or salmon. No trout or salmon – no mussel.

But what makes it even more vulnerable is that after sixty years or more of life it may occasionally, very occasionally, produce a pearl. Dr Mark Young, a lecturer in the zoology department of Aberdeen University, who has been studying the mussel since 1978, said: "You could tear two hundred mussels out of the river and still not find a pearl".

He believes that the principal cause of the mussel's decline is overfishing.

In the Irish Republic, where the cleaner rivers still have pearl mussels, the same ruthless fishing has devastated stocks. Mr Eugene Ross, a doctorate student studying the mussel at University College, Galway, said: "I have seen thousands upon thousands of shells heaped up on the river bank. The smell from the rotting flesh is terrible."

In Britain the Nature Conservancy Council has asked the Government to put *Margaritifera margaritifera* on its protected list. And in the European parliament it has found a stout defender in Dr Alex Sherlock who says: "The idea of any species dying out bothers me.

"The mussel also has value as an indicator of pollution."

He is asking the European parliament to consider making pearl fishers apply for a licence. Banning free-for-all fishing would put an end to casting the mussel's hard won pearls before humans.

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An extra birthday present

Mrs Lyn Walters was not looking forward to her twenty-eighth birthday yesterday, until she treated herself to *The Times* and found she had won £4,000 with Portfolio Gold.

"The gods must have been on my side. I was not thrilled about my birthday, but the day has really got better as it went on", Mrs Walters, a research biologist from Silver Street, Stevington in Bedfordshire, said.

"We will certainly be celebrating tonight", she said. Her husband, Nigel, had to wait until the evening for the good news.

"I have not thought what to spend it on yet, perhaps a holiday. With that much we could go somewhere really exciting", she said.

Mrs Walters plays Portfolio only occasionally, when she checks the stocks and shares. "I cannot get over my good luck, what a birthday!" she said.

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Mrs Lyn Walters had the gods on her side

Wapping case man is bound over

A man charged with threatening behaviour during the dispute at News International in Wapping was bound over to keep the peace by Thames magistrates yesterday.

George Brabbs, aged 44, unemployed, of Tithelands, Harlow, was acquitted of threatening behaviour but bound over for six months in the sum of £50.

Two other men charged during the dispute were remanded on bail.

Father alerted drugs police

A woman who smuggled heroin worth £750,000 through Heathrow Airport was reported by her father, an Italian air force major, a Dublin court was told yesterday.

Maria Lorena Rocchi, aged 20, was carrying the drugs when she was arrested by Irish detectives acting on information from Italian police. Yesterday she was given a three years' suspended jail sentence and ordered out of Ireland for at least two years.

Stab wound victim dies

Bryan Barras, aged 24, who has been in a coma at Bristol Royal Infirmary after being stabbed in the nose at the weekend, died yesterday.

Mr Graham Galloway, aged 42, a neighbour of Mr Barras, of Langford, near Blagdon, has appeared before magistrates at Long Ashton charged with attempted murder.

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PARLIAMENT

Programme launched against Aids and cancer

HEALTH

A big initiative to reduce deaths from breast and cervical cancer by screening women at greatest risk was outlined to MPs, with a multi-million pound research programme to find a vaccine against and a cure for Aids.

The announcement came from Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services. He said that Britain had an important role to play, in combating Aids and its research, under the auspices of the Medical Research Council, would be part of an international research effort.

Mr Fowler said: The Government attaches particular importance to reducing deaths from breast cancer and cervical cancer. In both cases early detection can lead to successful treatment.

Breast cancer is the commonest form of cancer among women in this country. Each year there are something like 24,000 new cases and 15,000 deaths from the disease. In July 1985, the Government appointed a working group under the chairmanship of Sir Patrick Forrest to consider the position. I am today publishing their final report and I would like to express the Government's thanks to the group for their work.

The report has concluded that screening by mammography – X-ray of the breasts – will enable us to reduce deaths from breast cancer. The Government accepts the proposals made in the report and accordingly has decided to implement a national breast cancer screening service.

This will provide for screening every three years for all women betwen 50 and 64 throughout the United Kingdom. My colleagues, the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, will be putting into effect proposals broadly similar to those I am announcing. We are determined that breast cancer screening should be implemented as efficiently, as effectively and as quickly as possible.

This will need careful planning to ensure that all the necessary back-up facilities, as well as the screening centres, are available. It will mean assessment and diagnostic facilities, treatment facilities, counselling and after-care and training for key groups of staff.

We have therefore decided to provide additional funds for each regional health authority to have at least one centre in operation within the next 12 months.

The funds will also enable four of these centres to provide a training facility for the whole country.

We shall expect the locations of the first centres to be announced by May of this year. An extra £6 million will be provided in 1987-88 for the first centres.

In addition, I shall shortly be sending to the professions and to health authorities a draft circular containing my detailed proposals for implementing breast cancer screening in England. I shall be calling for plans before the end of this year from each region to extend the service over the next three years to cover all women in the age group concerned.

The report envisages that up to 100 centres are likely to be needed in England. I shall also be setting up an advisory committee to advise on the development of screening and to monitor its effectiveness and efficiency.

Cervical cancer kills 2,000 women each year and we are no less committed to reducing that figure. The great majority of these 2,000 deaths are among women who have never had a cervical smear under the existing screening programme.

We have already taken urgent steps to increase the effectiveness of that programme and, in particular, to increase the proportion of the population at risk who are being screened. Computerized call and recall systems should be operating in 109 health authorities in England by next month and in the remaining 82 over the next 12 months. These will enable women to be sent personal screening invitations, usually from their own general practitioners.

Our first priority is to persuade more women to come forward for screening. We shall closely monitor the success of the system and we shall keep under review ways of making further improvements. In addition, I shall be asking health authorities to make two specific changes.

First, since the number of cases among younger women has been increasing, health authorities should rationalize existing arrangements for screening women under 35 by ensuring that the call and recall system begins at the age of 20.

Second, I shall be asking each health authority to make a specific named individual responsible and accountable for the organization and effectiveness of screening.

Turning to Aids research, there is at present no vaccine against the virus or cure for Aids itself. It is for that reason that the Government has mounted its major public education campaign. It is also important that we in this country should make an effective contribution to the international effort to develop a vaccine and a cure.

In recognition of this need, the Medical Resarch Council have recommended a new directed research programme aimed both at developing a vaccine which will prevent infection and also at new antiviral drugs to treat people who are already infected.

The research will be directed from the centre by two scientific steering committees which will consist of some of the country's leading scientists. There will be two specially appointed full-time directors and the programme will be built up by letting specific contracts to the most appropriate laboratory – public or private. This proposal then goes beyond the usual approach of research initiated by the investigator.

The Government is extremely grateful to the MRC for taking a lead in formulating these proposals which are based on wide consultations among outstanding British scientists by Sir James Gowans, the secretary of the MRC, with Sir David Phillips, chairman of the advisory board of research councils.

Accordingly then, the Government welcomes the proposal and accepts it in full.

We will, therefore, launch in 1987-88, through the MRC, a new directed research programme on the lines the council have proposed. For this purpose, the Secretary of State for Education and Science will increase the grant-in-aid to the MRC by £14,500,000 over the next three years. The grant in aid will go up by £2,500,000 in 1987-88, by £5 million in 1988-89 and by £7 million in 1989-90.

The programme will be closely monitored by the council, with my department and the Department of Education and Science. This will enable us to review progress against results. I should make it clear that the directed research programme will not affect or hinder any research initiatives by pharmaceutical companies.

This new programme should not be seen as a an isolated venture. It is not. It will be part of an international research effort. We will build on work already done, especially in the United States.

In the United States all the medical scientists I met on my recent visit were unanimous in their view that the United Kingdom could indeed make a distinctive contribution to Aids research.

The House will appreciate that it is impossible to predict the progress of this research. I have made it clear in earlier statements that we cannot expect a vaccine or cure to be generally available within five years. But this programme will help us to make progress.

Mr Norman Fowler: It is important that we should contribute to finding a cure.

Labour policy 'may cause a brain flood'

RESEARCH

The brain drain would turn into a brain flood if Mr Roy Hattersley, the chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, had his way, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Commons when he challenged Labour allegations that the Government policy on research and development had caused a brain drain from Britain.

He said he did not know how Labour dared to discuss the brain drain. "It was the Labour Party with its high taxation policies, which it promises to reintroduce, which caused the brain drain in the first place."

The picture was more complex than Labour asserted.

He was answering Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, who said that not only did Britain have a smaller gross domestic product than Japan, Germany and the United States but it also spent a smaller proportion of that smaller GDP on research and development.

That brought the "inevitable and inexorable result that we are slipping further and further behind in our competitiveness in the high-tech field".

There was an even more insidious and dangerous consequence, too. "We are seeing an accelerating brain drain, and this is demonstrated by the fact that 20 per cent of elected fellows of the Royal Society, educated in this country, are permanently resident abroad.

Asked earlier what representations he had received on his department's spending on support for R & D, Mr Channon said that they included some from the Technology Requirements Board set up to advise him on the development and implementation of policy for industrial development.

Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, (Nottingham South, C) said that nobody should underestimate the role of research and development because nothing was more vital to the nation's welfare. He wanted figures on how current R & D compared with 5 or 10 years ago. What co-ordination was there on R & D between Mr Channon's department and others?

Mr Channon agreed that there was nothing more vital to the country.

There was frequent co-ordination and the closest colaboration between his department and others involved in R & D. It had never been greater. His department's support for R & D had trebled in cash terms and doubled in real terms since 1971. It would increase further from £383 million this year to £445 million in 1989-90.

Viscount Cranborne (South Dorset, C) suggested that industry would be more likely to produce more saleable goods if the Government encouraged it to produce a little more of its own research instead of relying purely on Government sources.

Mr Channon: "We need both".

Though there were shining exceptions, British industry should be spending more on R & D.

Dr Keith Hampson (Leeds North West, C) said that because of the decline of traditional industries in the Yorkshire Humberside region, employment over six years had fallen by 35 per cent. "But the Business Expansion Scheme seems to have gone to the tune of over 60 per cent to service industries in London and the South-east."

Would Mr Channon ensure that his department looked at the impact of the schemes on the North and its industries, particularly the eligibility of Yorkshire Humberside for the new EEC scheme, the action programme for education, training and technology?

Mr Channon, said that one had to consider what applications had been received when discussing the schemes and the money going to the South as opposed to the North.

Speaker drops ruling

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) withdrew his ruling banning the Zircon film from being shown to MPs anywhere in the Palace of Westminster after he was informed that the Government's injunction against the film had ceased to have effect.

The matter was raised by Mr Robin Cook (Livingston Lab) who recalled that the Speaker had made his ruling specifically so that the injunction should be observed within the precincts.

This morning the Government had not defended a High Court application by the journalist, Mr Duncan Campbell, who wrote the BBC film for the series The Secret Society about a British spy satellite, for the injunction to be withdrawn.

"Accordingly, it now no longer exists."

He added: "The Government has been unable to find any basis for a prosecution arising from the film and faces the prospect of a substantial claim for damages from the BBC."

The Speaker said amid cheers that he, too, had been informed that the injunction was not in force now and, accordingly, his order would cease to have effect from now on.

Rover's future looking good

Rover's improved share of the market boded well for the future of the company, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during question time.

Mrs Ann Clywd (Cynon Valley, Lab) said that only 300 people had volunteered for redundancy at Rover to meet the 1,265 jobs that were to be lost. That was causing distress and anxiety to families in Oxford and Birmingham where it was feared that compulsory redundancies would have to be forced through.

Mr Channon agreed with her figures. "But we are less than four weeks into a 90-day period for responding and the company will continue to work to achieve it by voluntary means. The week before last 500 extra people were taken on at Cowley, so there is good news as well as bad."

Mr Steven Norris (Oxford East, C) said that the redundancies among white-collar workers and increase in production jobs were evidence that the company was coming to terms with management costs and production effectiveness.

Blood ban for schools

The Department of Education and Science has banned the giving of blood or cell samples in schools.

Mr Robert Dunn, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, announcing the ban, said: "There is no evidence that the Aids virus has been transmitted through the use of blood for teaching purposes in schools or colleges. However, the accidental inoculation of infected blood may result in the transmission of infections such as HIV and hepatitis B.

"Individuals may not be aware that they are infected, nor may the school or college know, therefore it is the view of the Secreteary of State (Mr Kenneth Baker) that, in the interests of safety, students or staff should not give blood or cell samples for class use in school or for non-advanced further education work in colleges."

Plant health charges

The Government has decided to impose charges only for part of its plant health work – export certification and import licensing – Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, said in a written reply. He said that in those two areas, services were provided at the specific request of individual growers and traders.

"The majority of our plant health work, including particularly the normal checks on imported material and work on controlling outbreaks of plant pests and diseases, will continue to be carried out at public expense."

Wool price stays same

The Government is to maintain the price guarantee for the 1987 wool clip at 129p a kilogramme, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, announced in a written Commons reply.

He said that advances had been needed last season because, although prices improved, they did not rise, on average, above the guarantee level. The deficit in the British Wool Marketing Board stabilization fund had risen to £19.2 million.

Local radio

Proposals to improve reception of independent radio stations in particular localities within existing coverage areas will be sympatheticallly considered by the Government, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, has told the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Far too little being spent, Meacher tells Fowler

Mr Fowler's statement was widely welcomed on all sides of the House, although the Opposition spokesman on social services, Mr Michael Meacher, said that, even with this new input into Aids research, it was far, far less than other countries were allocating for that purpose (Conservative shout of: "Here comes the whingeing").

It was also far, far less as a proportion of the health budget than public concern in this country demanded.

The United States was spending more than $340 million on Aids research while an answer to a parliamentary question a week ago suggested that Aids research in this country totalled a third of a million pounds.

Even after today's increase, expenditure on Aids research would still constitute less than one twentieth of 1 per cent of the health budget which was far, far less than the priority allocated to it in other countries.

Would Mr Fowler give an assurance that this extra funding would not have a knock-on effect in reducing medical research in other areas?

On the question of breast cancer screening, the extra funds, very welcome as they were, would only fund about seven new centres to add to the present two.

"This is a grossly inadequate response to the Forrest report when 5,000 women have died of breast cancer while the Government has been sitting on this report since last year."

The £6 million announced today would not even fund screening for all woman aged over 50. One third of the existing mammography machines in this country were obsolete.

Mr Fowler: That is a disappointing and grudging response. I very much regret what he has said both about Aids and breast cancer. I do not think he will have the support of any informed commentator outside this House. Some of the charges he has made are simply untrue and misleading."

The Government was acting exactly in line with the proposals of the Forrest committee. The £14,500,000 over the next three years would be additional money to the Medical Research Council. It was exactly what they had asked for.

The United States had a bigger overall research budget, but a comparatively smaller percentage of that budget was going into vaccine development. There were gaps in the programme which had been identified by medical scientists in the US.

"The announcement I have made today will put this country in a leading position in Europe and I would have expected the Opposition to have welcomed that."

The Committee on the Safety of Medicines would be taking a decision on the drug AZT very shortly indeed, in the next few days, and the Government would then make its position clear.

On breast cancer, the Government was meeting in full what the Forrest committee had put to it. The announcement was a major step forward for millions of women.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, Lords amendments.

Lords (3): Hampshire (Lyndhurst Bypass) Bill, second reading. Pilotage Bill, report, second day.

Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture, and his wife, Gail, with the horses that had taken them for a troika ride at the First Moscow Stud Farm. The minister's tour included the opening of "Britagroprom 87", a British agriculture, food processing and packaging exhibition in the Russian capital.

Tactical voting attacked

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Tactical voting put a premium on the mechanics of the voting system at the expense of the issues on which the parties should be competing, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, and Science, said yesterday.

He devoted the opening of a speech at a Parliamentary Press Gallery lunch to a sharp warning directed immediately to the voters of Greenwich that such voting was the tactic of the trailing party.

"Tactical voting is here because some psephologists say it is here.

"It may operate in by-elections, but I find it difficult to believe that it will operate in a general election because, in making up his mind, the tactical voter must then be aware, not simply of what will happen in his constituency, but what is likely to happen in others.

"He is giving a blank cheque or proxy vote to a party to engage in post-election negotiations which may end in the very result he did not vote for."

Civil Service 'is being perverted'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Alliance leaders, Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel, yesterday accused the Government of perverting the standards of the Civil Service by using the Government machine for party propaganda purposes in the run-up to a general election.

At a Westminster press conference, Dr Owen said that Civil Service standards and independence had been "gravely undermined" and that propaganda campaigns were being funded by the Central Office of Information.

Mr Steel said that the Conservative Government had "adopted a style that was almost East European where the party was the government".

The Liberal leader said that it was wrong for Sir Robert Armstrong to be both head of the Civil Service, a role in which he should be resisting such behaviour, and the Government's chief executive as Secretary of the Cabinet. An Alliance government would insist on the separation of the roles.

Dr Owen conceded that the Government had the right to inform the public, for example, about its "right-to-buy" council house sales policy. "But it is a question of what time you unleash a great propaganda campaign."

What was permissible in the first three years of a government's life was not acceptable in years four and five. He claimed that the Labour Government of Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, of which he had been a member, had been most scrupulous in such matters.

At their press conference Dr Owen and Mr Steel complained that the new round of trades union reforms announced in Tuesday's Green Paper represented a complete about-face.

When the same reforms, notably postal ballots and elections for all union presidents and general secretaries, had earlier been advocated by the Alliance the Government had fought against them. And there had been no sign then of the argument now used by ministers that postal ballots had earlier been impossible because unions did not then have lists of their members.

Channon under pressure

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, came under pressure at question time to announce the Government's financial commitment to the European A330 and A340 airbus projects. He rejected allegations that there had been any delay and said that the British Government was acting within the timetable of the French and German governments.

Mr Allen Adams (Paisley North, Lab) sought an assurance, after the successful launch of the A320, that the Government would give financial support to the A330 and A340. He also urged the Government to resist American pressure, which seemed once and for all determined to destroy the British aircraft industry.

Mr Channon said that he could give the assurance on the latter point. On the first, he was considering the application.

Mr Thomas Sackville (Bolton West, C) said that among the many reasons for supporting the A330 and A340 was that they would end the Boeing monopoly in the long-haul market, a monopoly that Boeing had abused to the detriment of the British and European aircraft industries.

Mr Channon said that he would reach a decision within a reasonable timescale.

Carterpillar closure

Firm accused of deceiving ministers

The American Caterpillar company, which is to close its Uddington plant in Scotland only months after the announcement of a £62 million investment programme, was accused during Commons question time of deceiving the Government, the unions, the workforce and the local management.

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister for Industry, said that, although the ultimate decision was for the company, neither he nor his department had yet given up the fight to reverse the decision.

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab) raised the issue when he asked what action the Government proposed to take as a result of the announced closure.

Mr Shaw: While I greatly regret the decision and the manner in which it was taken, it is ultimately a commercial issue for the company to resolve. I have no plans at present for further discussions with Caterpillar.

But in the time available before the planned closure takes place the possibilities for maintaining manufacturing operations and employment at Uddingston will be urgently explored.

To this end the Under-Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Ian Lang) has put in hand a study of the facility and its marketability.

Mr Fatchett: While it is possible to understand the desire of the Trade and Industry ministers to hide behind the embarrassment of the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Malcolm Rifkind), is it not about time the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (Mr Paul Channon) did something in these circumstances and took some action?

Is this just another case of the ministry washing its hands of British manufacturing industry and a farther indication of this Government's planned retreat from manufacturing?

Mr Shaw: I robustly deny that accusation. The Governemnt is solidly behind Mr Rifkind's action in seeking to persuade the company to review and reverse its decision.

It is not just the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry and Scotland; the Prime Minister herself has written to the Caterpillar corporation on this issue seeking a review of the decision.

At the end of the day the company has to arrive at a decision in relation to its own needs.

Mr Stanley Thorne (Preston, Lab): What public funds were put into this company and how were they used?

Mr Shaw: When public funds are invested in a company and closure takes place, there are rules which apply for the recovery of funds still extant.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab): It is less than four months since the executive vice-president of Caterpillar promised that there would be a £1,000 million funding of schemes throughout the 30 sites which this company has throughout the world, including a £62 million investment in Uddingston.

It is an absolute shambles that the Government is prepared to be a doormat to the Americans and resign its public responsibility. Are we now to see all such machinery imported into this country despite the balance of payments implications?

Mr Shaw: I think we must remember there is a massive investment in this country by American companies, providing jobs and important parts of manufacturing industry.

In this case the company took a decision to make an investment in good faith in September last and then apparently reviewed again its worldwide capacity. This is the situation which gave rise to the change in the decision.

Mr Rifkind rightly took the view that the particular review of capacity was hardly compatible with the decision on the investment and that is a view I wholly share.

In response to a further question, he said: There was a meeting with the president of Caterpillar and a team which came over from America for discussions. There was a request that they should review and reverse their decision, indeed that was taken up by a letter from the Prime Minister to that effect.

The company did review the matter but unfortunately decided to confirm the decision.

Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C): Caterpillar have behaved dishonourably in firstly accepting a generous offer of support for its investment programme and then cancelling it and announcing the closure.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: The Caterpillar company has deceived the Government, the unions, the workforce and the local management in a totally calculated and ruthless manner.

It is intolerable for multinationals to abandon the interests of the workforce and the community which has given 30 years of service to that company.

What is the policy of the Government and what action does the Government propose in the face of a company deliberately and calculatedly deceiving it and this country?

Mr Shaw: He is making an extremely strong attack on the way this investment was made and the consequences in the light of the decision the company has made. I have to warn him I am not sure whether these remarks will have a beneficial effect on American investment in Scotland.

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Courts give more joint child care after divorce

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Divorce courts are awarding joint custody of children to divorcing parents three times as often as they did 10 years ago, according to research just published in the legal journal, *Family Law*.

There is, however, still a great deal of opposition to joint custody orders from judges and solicitors, particularly in the North-east, the research shows.

Joint custody orders are also largely favoured by middle class, better-informed parents. Only one of the surveyed courts with a high number of joint custody orders had a predominantly working class catchment area.

The research, compiled by two law lecturers, included interviews with 26 solicitors in the North-east, nearly all of whom expressed misgivings about joint custody orders, seeing them as "pointless, artificial and unrealistic".

The solicitors believed that the parent who would be looking after the child had a right to a sole custody order; some thought joint orders should be reserved for cases where children were split between parents or where parental work, such as teaching, allowed enough access for there to be almost "shared care".

The solicitors were highly critical of the use of a joint custody order as a kind of a "consolation prize" to defuse an argument over the physical possession of children.

The law lecturers, Jacqueline Priest and Jonathan Whybrow, working in connection with the Law Commission's review of child care law, showed that in 1985 a total of 82,059 custody orders were made in England and Wales.

Of those, more than three-quarters granted sole custody to the wife, 9 per cent awarded it to the husband, and almost 13 per cent made joint custody orders.

The rise in joint custody orders has been mainly at the expense of custody orders in favour of husbands, which have fallen as a proportion of the total. A sample survey in 1974 of 424 orders showed that in 81 per cent of cases custody was awarded to the wife; in 13.2 per cent to the husband; and in 5.2 per cent jointly.

The figures, from 10 courts, showed that even in joint custody orders the wife was awarded care and control in most cases.

Over three months, 2,929 custody orders were made in the 10 courts, of which 612, or 21 per cent, were joint custody orders. Overall care and control was awarded to the wife in 81 per cent of these joint cases and to the husband in 16 per cent.

In two cases care and control was not touched on; and there were five children where the order was for shared care and control.

The lecturers said that joint custody was less likely with children under six. Joint custody was awarded equally in respect of boys and girls, while fathers were less likely to receive sole custody of girls than of boys. Fathers also had a greater chance of being awarded sole custody with older children.

Judges disagreed about the value of joint custody orders. Some believed they were important in demonstrating that the parent with whom the child was not living still had a parental role in the child's life, but others were sceptical, saying there was a danger the child might fall between two parents if neither had a clear responsibility. Secondly, there was a fear that joint orders would cause further discord.

The incidence of joint custody was highest in the southern half of the country: it accounted for 5.6 per cent of all custody orders on the Northern circuit and 6 per cent on the North-eastern circuit, but for 18.6 per cent and 17.9 per cent on the Western and South-eastern circuits.

Economics of forestry criticized as unsound

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The economic justifications for a subsidized afforestation programme in Britain are fundamentally unsound, a report published today by the Council for the Protection of Rural England says.

Import saving through a subsidized industry appears increasingly anomolous and contrasts strongly with the position adopted towards, for example, coal, it says.

It is remarkable, in the context of a cost-cutting government that the arguments put forward by a Treasury document in 1972, which found that the only justification was the provision of some rural employment, has not been revived, the report says.

Far from applying its rigorous economic philosophy to the forestry sector, the Conservative Government which came to power in 1979 in effect wrote off the accumulated debt of the Forestry Commission and introduced a less demanding form of calculating the subsidy.

The council's report backs many of the arguments put forward by the National Audit Office and casts further doubt upon a large-scale switch from farming to forestry as agricultural land becomes surplus to requirements.

The present policy of subsidy and tax relief has attracted and benefited two categories of buyer who have neither long-term interest in the countryside nor any desire to live there; financial institutions and people seeking tax concessions.

"The system will not generally lead to establishment or purchase of upland plantations by neighbouring farmers", it says. On the contrary, it will lead to the permanent separation of ownership between farm and forest.

The report by Mr Philip Stewart, the author of a study in 1980 which recommended an increase in upland afforestation, argues that assumptions about future demand for timber depended on estimates in the 1960s and 1970s about the world economy, which are not justified today.

It draws attention to several environmentally destructive effects of large-scale afforestation, particularly in Scotland. Those include erosion and consequent losses to hydroelectric generation; flash-flooding, acidification of lakes and rivers; and damage to fisheries, including salmon stocks.

Such problems were largely avoidable and could have been prevented by more sympathetic planting policies.

Total investment amounts to about £90 million a year, of which perhaps £80 million is borne by the State.

Growing Against the Grain, (Council for the Protection of Rural England, 4 Hobart Place, London SW1W 0HY: £5 plus 55p p&p).

Sale room

Getty museum in £2.6m David bid

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Two mythological lovers depicted in a farewell embrace by Jacques Louis David, the great French neo-classical painter, broke auction records to sell for $4,070,000 (estimate $2 million-$3 million) or £2,642,857 at Sotheby's in New York on Tuesday to an undisclosed bidder who turned out to represent the Getty Museum of Malibu, California.

David is one of the rarest artists going. The French do not like to let his work out of the country: the London National Gallery had to do a special deal with the French authorities to secure a portrait for the British collection recently.

The Sotheby painting had sold in New York in 1950 for only $3,950 and been acquired by a collector in Uruguay. It was found there recently by Mr Pedro Saorin Bosch, a Spanish businessman-dealer, who consigned it to Sotheby's.

Mr Saorin Bosch is wanted by the Spanish authorities for smuggling a Goya out of Spain but that provenance did not discourage bidders.

The painting, entitled "Les Adieux de Télémaque et Eucharis", dates from 1818.

A festive scene in the Piazza del Popolo, Rome, "The Start of the Race of the Riderless Horse", painted by Horace Vernet in 1820 soared to $484,000 (estimate $80,000-$120,000) or £314,286 and was bought by Marlborough Fine Art.

Another unexpected price was the $187,000 (estimate $100,000-$150,000) or £121,429 paid for a watercolour by Turner, "The North West Front, Cassiobury, with hounds and Huntsmen", dates from 1807.

Athlete's brother named in drug case

The brother of Daley Thompson, the athlete, was said in court yesterday to be a dealer who supplied heroin to Boy George, the pop star.

Mr David Bate, for the prosecution, mentioned Mr Frank Thompson while cross-examining Steven Luben, who is accused of conspiracy to supply Boy George with drugs.

He asked Mr Luben, aged 35: "Do you know Daley Thompson's brother Frank? He is a heroin dealer, isn't he?

"When drug squad officers asked you if anyone else was supplying heroin to Boy George, you told them Frank Thompson was?"

Mr Luben: "I told them I could not supply them with names of any big dealers because I didn't know any.

"I knew him as Frank the Crank but I did not know he was a drug dealer.

"They asked me if Frank was supplying drugs to Boy George but I told them I could only give them names of drug addicts, not of suppliers."

Miss Diane Feiner, aged 35, who shares a flat with Mr Luben in Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, is also accused of conspiring to supply heroin to Boy George. They both deny the offence.

The case continues today at Knightsbridge Crown Court.

Mr Donald Johns, chairman of the Freeminers Association of the Forest of Dean (right) with Mr Gilbert Kear, at Old Park colliery, near Bream, Gloucestershire. Local hospital cuts may mean no more people being born within the hundred of St Briavels to enjoy the right, dating back 700 years, to mine there (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Stockings are tops with Northerners

In the North, six women out of 10 prefer to wear traditionally suspended stockings. In London and the Home Counties the ratio is reversed and tights are favoured (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

This little-known fact of the north-south divide emerged as Sophie Mirman and her husband, Richard Ross, were building up their remarkable hosiery empire known as Sock Shop, the forty-first branch of which will be opened today in Oxford Street, London, by Mr David Trippier, the minister responsible for small businesses at the Department of Employment.

The Government's interest in Sock Shop lies in the shining example the company has set for the loan guarantee scheme operated by the department.

The scheme backed the loan for their first shop in 1983. Now the business employs 200 directly, about 1,000 indirectly and is heading for a turnover of £12 million a year.

Richard Ross, an accountant watches the property and financial side of Sock Shop while Sophie Mirmar directs the buying and retailing, of four million pairs of socks and tights a year.

Liverpool MPs join the war on drugs

Liverpool MPs of all parties have joined forces to counter the use of drugs after hearing that as much as 90 per cent of crime in the region is drugs-related.

In Sheffield, meanwhile, the city council has adopted a policy to identify and treat people with a drink problem.

David Alton, Liberal MP for Mossley Hill, Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Walton, and Malcolm Thornton, Conservative MP for Crosby, have called for increased police action in dealing with drugs on Merseyside after hearing of the scope of the problem.

Liverpool solicitors have told them that drugs are responsible for 90 per cent of the city's crime. Drug-users are almost monopolizing crimes such as burglary and theft to pay for their habits.

Mr Paul Rooney, a solicitor, said: "Virtually every burglary case now has a drugs connection". In Sheffield the city council has drawn up a document to guide management and unions on dealing with problem drinkers. Information on the situation will be used in seminars, and on leaflets and posters.

Problem drinkers are to be urged to seek treatment. They will face disciplinary action if they refuse. The council says its objective is to reduce alcohol misuse.

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Cancer Relief pays for the training of these nurses and continues to fund their first three years in the community (after which the NHS takes over) and the training covers not only the most advanced techniques of pain control, but also equips the nurse to give emotional support and counselling to the patients and their families.

But perhaps the most crucial aspect of the nurse's work is that she can visit the patients in their own homes. Instead of being banished to a hospital ward, the cancer patient can be treated in familiar surroundings, supported by those who are nearest and dearest.

The role of the Continuing Care Home

While the Macmillan nurse may be the most visible outward sign of the work of Cancer Relief, a great deal of money goes towards the building of the Continuing Care Homes. The role of these homes is to provide a haven for cancer patients where they can be treated and where they can come to terms with their condition in an environment of dignity and calm. Often, there is a need for rehabilitation – for the patient to escape temporarily from the panic and pressure of normal life, while learning to cope with the devastating new situation. In the homes, they can learn what is involved in their treatment, and their families can be shown how best to care for them when they return to the world outside.

The urgent need for money

Great strides continue to be made in the search for cures, but the stark fact remains that although 75,000 patients recover each year, more than 150,000 do not.

At the moment, there are simply not enough nurses and homes to cope with more than just a small minority of cases. Every donation, however large or small, can produce an immediate result.

By helping to fund a Macmillan nurse's training. By helping to finance our education programme which is teaching both doctors and nurses to apply the new pain control skills in hospitals and in the community at large. By helping to build one of our homes. Or by helping us to provide grants for patients in need, to meet the costs of heating and other essentials.

From a purely self-interested position, it may seem more prudent to give money to a charity that is seeking new cures, but each year many patients are finding that any cure will come too late.

At this very moment there are people suffering needlessly because there just isn't the money to care for them.

Tomorrow, it could happen to you, or to somebody you care about.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Culture minister takes the reins

Oslo – Mr Knut Frydenlund, the Norwegian Foreign Affairs Minister, was taken seriously ill suddenly yesterday afternoon as he returned from a meeting of the Nordic Council in Helsinki (Tony Samstag writes).

With Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Prime Minister, and Mr Johan Joergen Holst, her Defence Minister, out of the country for a meeting in Tokyo of the United Nations Commission on Environment and Development, of which Mrs Brundtland is chairman, the longest-serving minister, Mr Hallvard Bakke, Minister of Culture, became the acting head of Government.

Mr Frydenlund, aged 60, was taken from the airport to hospital in Oslo, where he was undergoing tests. He was reported to be unconscious but had been taken off a respirator and his heart functions were normal. He is widely considered the elder statesman in Mrs Brundtland's new minority Labour Government, which took office less than a year ago.

Vatican charge

Milan (AP) – Italian authorities have issued an arrest warrant against Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the American who heads the Vatican Bank, in connection with the collapse in 1982 of the Banco Ambrosiano.

Sources close to the investigation said that the warrant charges Archbishop Marcinkus as "an accessory to fraudulent bankruptcy" in Italy's biggest bank failure. Two investigating judges refused to confirm the report.

Sisters given bail

Cairo (Reuter) – Marion Arnold, aged 42, and Maureen Carol Paleschi, aged 49, sisters from Hampshire, were freed on bail of £950 each by a judge here yesterday after denying knowledge of heroin worth millions of pounds found in a wooden elephant in their luggage 10 days ago. They have not been charged.

The judge ordered Mohammed Ahmed Niazi and Mohammed Zaki el-Halwagi, who were also arrested at the airport, to be held in custody for 45 days.

Black leader predicted

Johannesburg – There is no reason why South Africa should not have a black president, Dr Denis Worrall, South Africa's former Ambassador in London, told a questioner on a phone-in programme broadcast yesterday by the private Radio 702 station (Michael Hornsby writes).

Dr Worrall, who is contesting the white general election on May 6 as an Independent, said: "There is no reason in principle why there should not be a black president. The important thing is that he should be a man who appeals to a great many South Africans of all colours."

When Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, suggested that South Africa might have a black president, he was publicly reprimanded by President Botha.

Premier searched

Father Walter Lini, Prime Minister of Vanuatu, left, in Fiji yesterday as he travelled home from a visit to the United States, where he suffered a mild stroke.

In an incident which has proved embarrassing to the Government of Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, Father Lini was body-searched by Qantas security officials at Honolulu as he boarded one of the airline's aircraft for the flight home.

Berlin arrest

Berlin (AP) – East German border guards have arrested Susan Klickner, an American woman photographer, for taking pictures from the top of the Berlin Wall.

She was held on Tuesday after scaling the wall with a ladder at the Checkpoint Charlie border crossing between West and East Berlin, a spokeswoman for the United States Embassy said.

Appeal to gunmen

Nicosia – A British journalist yesterday offered a reward if gunmen who looted west Beirut's Commodore Hotel returned its best-known resident – Coco, the African Grey parrot which alarmed the unwary with imitations of incoming shells (Reuter reports).

"That parrot survived 10 years of warfare and I want it back," said Mr Chris Drake in a press release.

Awards for Britons

New York – Two British performers were among those who received Grammy awards at the annual recording industry ceremony in Los Angeles. Steve Winwood, aged 38, a rock singer of the mid-1960s, captured three awards, two for his single *Higher Love* and one for *Back in the High Life*. Sir Georg Solti also received an award.

UK urges caution on missile pact

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Strong signs emerged yesterday that Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow could coincide with a critical stage in the debate within the Atlantic alliance over the future of the Star Wars programme.

Whitehall officials perceived this possibility after meetings yesterday between Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, with two senior Reagan Administration officials.

It became clear that the central issue of whether to change Washington's interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty cannot be settled before the Moscow visit.

The effect could be to enhance the importance of Mrs Thatcher's visit at the end of March. Although she has made it clear she is determined not to be an East-West go-between, officials recognize that the Strategic Defence Initiative will be a dominant issue in her talks with Mr Gorbachov.

The British Government has not yet come out clearly for or against a change in interpretation, but yesterday Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey urged the Administration to give weight to the political consequences.

Sir Geoffrey pointed out that a change would have a major impact on the Nato allies, on Western public opinion, on Congress and on the East-West strategic arms talks in Geneva.

Mr Paul Nitze, the US special adviser on arms control, and Mr Richard Perle, Assistant Secretary for Defence, were sent to London as part of a consultation process.

They said that the issue at stake concerned whether the treaty permitted certain types of testing of Star Wars technology. No decision on deployment was imminent, nor would it be until the early 1990s.

So far all testing has conformed with the so-called "narrow interpretation" of the 1972 treaty.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, now believes a looser interpretation is needed to make possible certain tests in space. President Reagan and his Cabinet have declared that they consider the "broad interpretation" to be legally correct, but have held back from implementing it.

Mr Nitze and Mr Perle said yesterday that President Reagan would not make a decision until he had a list of experiments needed, the initial reactions of the allies and Congress.

Sir Geoffrey asked whether there would then be a further round of consultations. Whitehall officials said that the reply given amounted to an assurance.

Earlier this week Mr William Taft, Mr Weinberger's deputy, passed through London and said there would be further consultations after the list had been prepared.

● **BONN:** EEC problems and Star Wars were discussed by Sir Geoffrey and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, in informal talks here yesterday (John England reports).

SDI deployment 'possible by 1993'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said that a crucial Star Wars test to be carried out next year could lead to deployment of a space-based defence against ballistic missiles as early as 1993.

It is the first time he has set a possible date for deployment under President Reagan's controversial Strategic Defence Initiative.

He said the test, involving the destruction of a target in collision with a prototype rocket, could best be carried out under a broader interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. His remarks came amid growing opposition to this in the Senate.

Mr Weinberger, speaking to editors of *The New York Times*, said that under a new interpretation, development and testing of a wide variety of defensive systems would be allowed, including those based in space.

Any technology not actually incorporated in anti-missile rockets, launchers or sensors of the sort that existed when the treaty was signed in 1972 would be exempt from the test ban, he felt.

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Soaring prices force France to raise target for inflation

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Government yesterday reluctantly raised its inflation target for 1987 from 1.7 per cent to 2.4 per cent after the worst monthly price rise figures in January for 3½ years.

It also revised its economic growth target for the year from 2.8 per cent to "slightly above" 2 per cent, about the same as last year.

M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, has asked government ministers to carry out a "budget redeployment" to find cuts in spending this year of about 7 billion francs (£750 million), with which to finance additional measures to tackle unemployment and to pay France's increased EEC contribution.

The lower economic growth target is bad news for the conservative Government's hopes of keeping down unemployment – the ordinary voter's main concern – in the run-up to the presidential elections in just over a year.

The number of unemployed rose by 38,000 last month, bringing the total to 2.6 million, representing 10.9 per cent of the working population. In the 10 months since the right came to power, the jobless figure has risen by 224,000, despite an important government youth employment campaign.

M Philippe Séguin, Minister for Employment and Social Affairs, last week described as "optimistic" an independent forecast of 3.4 million unemployed by 1991. To maintain unemployment at its present level, the economy needed to grow at an annual rate of 4.2 per cent between now and then.

Although the Government had been expecting a high inflation figure for January, on account of exceptionally cold weather, strikes and the rise in oil prices, it insisted until yesterday that it would still be able to meet its inflation target of 1.7 per cent by the end of the year, after a 2.1 per cent inflation rate last year.

Government negotiations on a pay deal with unions representing five million workers in the public sector may have had something to do with that earlier optimism. After failing to reach agreement, the Government last week unilaterally imposed a pay rise of 1.7 per cent for 1987.

It can expect more trouble from the unions unless that figure is increased in line with the new inflation forecast.

M Edouard Balladur, the Finance Minister, announced yesterday a rise of 0.9 per cent in the price index in January. Of that, 0.5 per cent was directly attributable to the rise in oil prices, and a further 0.2 per cent to strikes and the cold, he claimed.

The Government has been particularly anxious to keep down prices to help exports. Although France had a small trade surplus of Fr1 billion last year, compared with a deficit of Fr30 billion in 1985, the improvement was exclusively due to the Fr90 billion saving from the combined effect of the fall in the dollar and the cut in oil prices.

The underlying trend is more worrying, with France continuing to lose its share of the world trade market. Latest trade figures show a deficit of Fr2.5 billion in January, after a Fr3.7 billion surplus in December. Manufactured goods are faring particularly badly.

After an initial surge of business confidence after the right came to power last March and introduced a series of radical measures to reduce taxes and liberalize the economy, industrialists are taking a second look at their more optimistic forecasts.

Investment, which had been expected to go up by 5 per cent this year, may now fall below last year's 3-4 per cent level.

The number of bankruptcies rose to a record 27,800 last year, up by 5 per cent on 1985.

Young Iranians celebrating in Tehran the eighth anniversary of the Islamic Revolution with an effigy of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq carrying American and Soviet missiles.

Peres tackles conference snags

From A Correspondent
Cairo

Israel's Foreign Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, arrived in Cairo yesterday for a two-day visit to discuss with Egyptian leaders a proposed Middle East peace conference.

He told reporters at the airport that he had to come to Cairo to attempt to solve "two or three" points of disagreement he had with the Egyptians about an international conference.

Mr Peres carefully selected his words when asked if he thought the international conference was the only way to peace in the Middle East. "I believe Egypt, Jordan and Israel agree that we have to negotiate directly. But if in order to open direct negotiations we shall have to go through an international conference or forum, yes, we can open with it."

Egyptian officials wholeheartedly welcomed Monday's EEC declaration on the conference, and a Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman here also welcomed it and urged the EEC to "propose a mechanism for the international conference".

Mr Peres last met President Mubarak in Alexandria last September, one month before he swapped posts with Mr Shamir. During their talks they agreed to work towards an international conference under United Nations auspices.

Yesterday, Mr Peres met Egypt's Prime Minister, Dr Atef Sedki, and the Foreign Minister, Dr Ahmed Esmat AbdelMeguid. He is scheduled to hold talks with President Mubarak today.

Women in condom campaign

From John England
Bonn

Several prominent West German women are to appear in anti-Aids advertisements in support of condoms under the slogan, "I make love with".

They include actress Christine Kaufmann, a former wife of Tony Curtis, authors and a film director, and will be featured in magazines and possibly later on posters sponsored by Frau Rita Süssmuth, the federal Health Minister, and a women's journal.

Frau Süssmuth, a Christian Democrat who is a mother of two and a practising Catholic, has come under fire from Catholic bishops for advocating the use of condoms to guard against Aids.

She has been criticized by the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) for refusing to make registration compulsory for Aids sufferers but refuses to give way on either point. The CSU state Cabinet in Munich yesterday agreed to make Aids tests compulsory for certain groups.

● **MOSCOW:** The Soviet Union is to launch an wide-ranging information campaign on Aids. Mr Georgy Khlyabich, Vice-Minister of Health, announced yesterday (AFP reports).

● **PARIS:** The French Government will lift restrictions on the sale of hypodermic syringes for an experimental period of one year in an bid to stop Aids spreading among drug addicts (Diana Geddes writes).

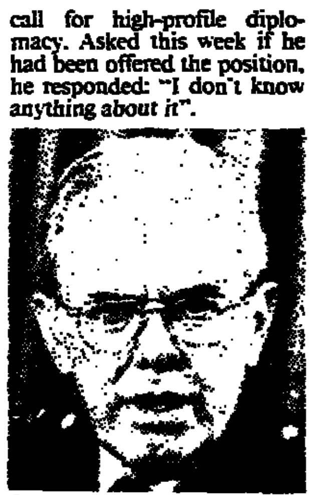
Man in the News

Soldier-diplomat for Nato

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

General John Galvin, the likely successor to General Bernard Rogers as commander of US and Nato forces in Europe, is regarded as both a tough soldier, with firm views about the global communist threat, and a sophisticated diplomat who could help to reassure Western Europe about the US commitment to its defence.

Since February 1985 he has been Commander of the Southern Command, based in Panama, which has put him in the forefront of the Reagan Administration's strategy of toppling the Sandinista Government of Nicaragua. In contrast, his new post would call for high-profile diplomacy. Asked this week if he had been offered the position, he responded: "I don't know anything about it".



General Galvin: firm views on communist threat.

General Galvin, aged 57, a former English teacher at the US Military Academy, is an enthusastic backer of air mobility for infantry, which is central to the Army battle doctrine which calls for striking at the rear echelons of Warsaw Pact forces if they tried to invade Western Europe.

The general shares the Reagan Administration's perception of Soviet ambitions. He believes that Nicaragua, Cuba and Warsaw Pact forces are bent on subverting and intimidating their neighbours "rather than marching across their borders". He has repeatedly stated his commitment to the American-backed Nicaraguan Contras.

Parents' plea frees tourists held as spies in Zambia

From Jan Raath, Harare

Four young white South African tourists were released in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, yesterday after being held in jail for nearly 11 months accused of being South African "spies".

Mr Rudolf Otterman, aged 28, Mr Duncan Vause, aged 28, Mr Randolph Keyser, aged 27, and Mr Bernard Koch, aged 23, were arrested in northern Zambia on May 27, 1986, eight days after South African commandos launched raids against alleged bases of the African National Congress in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana.

A West German citizen who was arrested with them but released shortly after, said the four had been severely tortured by Zambian security officials.

The four were paraded at a press conference at State House, President Kenneth Kaunda's official residence, and appeared strained but otherwise healthy.

President Kaunda said the four had been approached by South African military intelligence before they left for their holiday.

However, he said, it was "quite clear to me that these young men were coming here as genuine tourists". They were being released in accordance with Zambia's policy of "humanism". The four were among dozens of white tourists to be arrested during a security alert after the raids.

The President said he had rejected approaches from South Africa for their release. However, the fathers of Mr Otterman and Mr Keyser arrived in Lusaka from Johannesburg with their lawyer on Tuesday to plead with President Kaunda, who said he was "very impressed" with the parents' "Christian behaviour".

In a hint concerning Sunday's bomb blast in a suburban post office, he added that "in the next few days some more arrests will be made, and no mercy will be exercised".

Lost tribe of Mizoram's quest for recognition

From Michael Hamlyn, Aizawl

It is not unusual in the steep narrow lanes of Aizawl, the hilltop capital of Mizoram, to find shopfronts calling themselves Zion Stores, for the concept of Zion is deeply embedded in the Welsh Presbyterian tradition, and the Mizo people of the Lushai Hills in the far north-east of India were converted to Christianity by the Welsh.

What is rather startling, however, is to find one labelled "Jewish Stores, Prop A. B. Levi". Round the corner and down the lane a little another sign says: "Shion Shalom Prayer Hall", and is decorated with the menorah, the seven-branched candlestick and the star of David.

Here in the green-clad hill state, whose inhabitants are fiercely proud of their Christianity, there has become established a group of religious Jews, claiming that they are descended from one of the 10 lost tribes of Israel, and following recognizably orthodox Jewish practice.

In a small corrugated iron shack, rented from a cotton mill, 50 or so families each Saturday don the skull cap and prayer shawl and follow Jewish ritual. The wives keep kosher kitchens, which is difficult in a state where pork is pretty much a dietary staple. The children long to go to Jerusalem.

"I have tried three times to go to Israel," said Miss Rebecca Rai, a handsome 26-year-old beautician, trained in a school run by the Indian Jewish community in Bombay. "But I have not been allowed to go. The Israelis will not give me a visa."

Miss Rai said that she had applied as a tourist, but had been turned down because the Israelis believed that she wanted to settle there.

The community has been in touch with Amishav, an Israel-based group looking for the lost tribes sent out of Palestine in 700 BC. They have met and correspond with rabbis who instruct them in the correct formulas for worship and social practice. They are considering officially converting to Judaism as a way of gaining recognition as Jews.

"We are having a hard time convincing the Rabbinate. But I have been against conversion," said Miss Rai. "To convert you have to say: 'I am not a Jew and I wish to become one'. It means we have to deny our history."

The Aizawl Jews, who are related to similar groups in neighbouring Manipur state, have already begun experiencing Christian hostility.

But they are not an isolated phenomenon even here. There are other groups also claiming descent from one or other of the tribes of Israel.

While Miss Rai and her family claim descent from Menasseh, across the other side of town, in a district called Salem, another group are calling themselves descendents of Enoch.

The decendents of Enoch – they paint "Enok-a thlah" above their doorways – are perhaps the oddest of all. They began to call themselves Israelites more from a determined fundamental Christianity than anything else.

"We knew that Christ died for us," explained Mr Thandliana, one of the sect elders. "And we knew that Christ was an Israelite. That meant that we must be Israelites too."

This feeling was reinforced by the visions of a young boy, Lalrempina, now 15, the son of a carpenter, who hears God's voice directly. His dreams are written down and studied by the community, and his visions are followed to the letter.

"In my dream I saw the owner of the land," he relates. "That man says that the Mizos are all descendants of Israel. But only a few people believed it. The people who believed it will enter the Promised Land."

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

Mr Reagan is about to make the most critical appointment of his presidency. Whoever succeeds Mr Donald Regan as Chief of Staff in the White House will have the task of restoring stability to an administration in disarray.

Its position appears even worse to me now that I am here in Washington than it did from London. Morale in the Administration has plummeted.

In the final two years of its life a number of people would anyway be drifting away to lucrative jobs outside. But far more are going now than would normally be expected. A sense of direction is missing and there is the impression of a White House that has been overwhelmed by Irangate.

If this continues it will be destructive of far more than the President's record. We shall all suffer if the United States is left without effective government for the next two years. There should be no illusion that Congress could fill the vacuum left by an enfeebled presidency.

Only a strong and capable chief of staff would have any chance of putting this Administration back together again. Mr Reagan would not be able to do this by himself. He has always depended heavily on effective staff support. His gifts have lain in his political intuition, his capacity to express potently what the average American is feeling instinctively and in the warmth of his personality.

One should not scorn these qualities now that Mr Reagan's stock is sinking. But they need to be compensated by other abilities that Mr Donald Regan has never possessed.

Attention to detail needed

Any chief of staff must have the attention to detail that this President conspicuously lacks. But the new man must also have the quality of instant credibility. His very appointment must instill confidence inside and outside the Administration even before he has done a thing.

He must be acceptable to Mrs Reagan. The rancour that has come to characterize her relationship with Mr Regan would be destructive to any team. This means that the new appointee's personal loyalty to the President must be absolutely beyond question.

But it is almost equally important that he should be able to cultivate reasonable relations with Congress. Now that the Democrats control both Houses of Congress they will not want to make life easy for a Republican president. Yet neither will they wish to inflict damage on the office of the presidency. There should be scope for at least a degree of understanding if it is fostered from the White House.

It is because the job requires such a range of talents that there is talk of splitting it, with possibly former Senator Paul Laxalt to look after relations with Congress and someone else to run the White House.

Mr Laxalt is close to the President. He would be welcome both to Mrs Reagan and among his former colleagues on Capitol Hill. But I doubt if he would command confidence more widely.

Pressure put on Mr Baker

Mr Drew Lewis, Mr Reagan's former Transportation Secretary, would be a strong candidate for the other role if he were available.

But the matter had not been settled by the middle of this week. Mr Ed Meese, the Attorney General and formerly a member of the Troika who ran the White House in the first term, has been pushing the claims of Mr John Harrington, the Energy Secretary.

There has also been pressure on Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, to consider going back to the White House. He would want certain assurances, especially over other appointments, before he would contemplate a move that might well not be in his own personal interest.

He has his own political ambitions, with his eye on the presidency at some future date, and the chief of staff post is not one in which independent reputations are easily made. In any case he has already shown that he is capable of doing it well, and it would now be an even more thankless task than it was then.

He could hardly be expected to be eager for the appointment. But he has all the qualities required for taking up a role on which the final act of the Reagan Presidency will depend so much.

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Ivan the Terrible trial: Survivor's life without hope

Ukrainian 'tortured inmates of his own accord'

**From Ian Murray
Jerusalem**

Above the corridor which led to the gas chambers of Treblinka was the Hebrew text: "This is the gate for God. May the righteous enter through it." And there was a wine-red curtain which prisoners who had to clear corpses away used to describe as "the Holy Ark".

Mr Eliyahu Rosenberg, one of the very few who saw the inside of a gas chamber and lived to tell about it, described these details yesterday when he gave evidence at the trial of Mr John Demjanjuk, who is accused of being "Ivan the Terrible", a Ukrainian executioner at the death camp.

Mr Rosenberg had vivid memories of "Ivan". "I saw him every day standing by the gas chambers with some murderous implement in his hand. I saw how he beat, screamed and stabbed at the victims. He hit me as well with his whip.

"I would see him with a sort of sword and he would cut off an ear or a nose. He would stab at the bodies and I cannot comprehend why. He wasn't a human being. To inflict blows; yes, we were used to that. But this torture; no one had ordered him to do this. He would do it of his own accord. No German told him to do it. In fact, later they told him not to."

Mr Rosenberg described how he had volunteered to do "light work" the day after arriving at the death camp, still unaware of what went on there. With a group of others he was marched off to the extermination area.

"I saw a mountain of corpses," he said. Among them must have been his mother and three sisters who had arrived at the camp with him.

"We started retreating but we were beaten to work by a German with a whip. We were lashed. They said: 'Get the stretchers; grab a corpse and run'." They had to run and dump bodies in a huge burial pit and then "gallop like a horse" back to get another body.

For the next 11 months this was part of everyday life. The only permitted rest was when he waited as new victims were driven into the chambers.

"In the summer I only heard the crying of these people. But in the Polish winter when temperatures dropped to 20 or 30 degrees below freezing, they had to run naked and you can't imagine the kinds of screams that people can emit — a kind of wailing like dogs that filled the entire space around us. I eventually became numb to it.

> **❛ You can't imagine the . . . screams that people can emit — a wailing like dogs ❜**

"In the winter the people ran into the gas chambers because they wanted to get out of the cold. They did not need beating to go there."

Once inside the chambers, with the doors sealed, the screams would start again: "Mummy, daddy, children's names or a voice calling 'hear, oh God of Israel'." After 20 minutes the screams dropped to moans and finally all was quiet.

In the depth of winter, new orders arrived to burn all bodies. "Everything had frozen from the cold. We had to hack our way through the corpses with pickaxes in order to make it possible for the excavator to pull out a pile of them."

Many prisoners in the work gangs hanged themselves using their belts slung from a beam. "We used to help them. They would stand on a stool and then would ask us to pull it away and death came quickly."

He had twice narrowly escaped death at the hands of "Ivan". Once the Ukrainian ordered him to have intercourse with a dead woman which was a prelude to his own execution. He managed to find a German officer who cancelled the order.

The second occasion was when Ivan whipped him 30 times for stealing bread, but he managed to go on working and avoid the inevitable executions of any injured person.

But on August 2, 1943, an uprising in the camp allowed him to escape over the barbed wire into the woods where he wandered "like an animal" for a year.

He said that one of the Jews who escaped with him told him that in the uprising some prisoners had burst into the Ukrainian barracks and hit the guards with picks and shovels.

"I was full of happiness. I was away from the inferno and I was listening to what was dearest to my heart — the killing of the Ukrainian murderer. For me that was the most wonderful thing to hear."

Gorbachov vows to take his reform war into heart of bureaucracy

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday declared war on his many opponents inside the bureaucracy and said that 1987 would be a make or break year for his ambitious reform programme.

He confirmed in a live televised speech that last month's crucial plenary session of the Communist Party's Central Committee had been postponed three times because of resistance to the sweeping proposals — including those to democratize the party structure — which it eventually endorsed.

"We want today to alter radically the atmosphere in society, for we cannot be pleased with how we lived and worked previously," Mr Gorbachov said.

"Nothing will come of it if we do not fully break the forces of inertia and deceleration which are dangerous in their ability to draw back the country again into stagnation and dormancy, menacing the congealement of society and social corrosion."

Although he was addressing 5,000 Soviet trade union delegates at their congress, his outspoken comments were clearly intended as a warning to his opponents in the country as a whole that he intends to fight to ensure that his modernization plans are not sabotaged.

Referring pointedly to his recent tour of Latvia and Estonia, Mr Gorbachov disclosed that his meetings with people there had shown that changes had created a "revolution of expectations" with the public expecting them to be followed by "a speedy social and material return".

His passionately argued speech — which often broke from the text issued by Tass — confirmed the conviction of many Western diplomats here that there is growing pressure from below for a quick and substantial improvement in living conditions to result from the much-publicized drive for *perestroika* (reorganization).

"The main thing, and hence the most difficult, still lies ahead. Up to now we have been mostly preparing for reorganization: we were working out its strategy, mapping out the main ways, identifying everything that was a hindrance and called for adjustment, and determining positions for departure," Mr Gorbachov said.

The 55-year-old Kremlin leader, whose most resilient opponents are in the entrenched middle ranks of the bureaucracy, added: "It is no secret to anyone that many were content, and some still remain happy, to work in a slipshod manner with unearned pay, undeserved bonuses, with a mutually undemanding atmosphere, with lack of control, and with irresponsibility."

In a revealing reference to the formidable difficulties which still face him on the ground, Mr Gorbachov went on: "Re-organization implies an increase in everyone's efficiency, in one's work, be it worker, collective farmer, office personnel, engineer, scientist, teacher, government minister or party official. By no means everywhere and always do things stand precisely in this way."

He then issued a sharp rebuff to those who have challenged his controversial plans to increase democracy in key areas — including senior levels of the Communist Party — by the introduction of elections by secret ballot which have already been introduced in an experimental fashion in some places.

"I will put it bluntly: those who have doubts about the expediency of further democratization apparently suffer from one serious drawback which is of great political significance and meaning — they do not believe in our people," Mr Gorbachov said.

"They claim that democracy will be used by our people to disorganize society and undermine discipline, to undermine the strength of the system. I think we cannot agree to that."

Mr Gorbachov berated the unions — which boast a membership of about 140 million — for their failure to push harder for wage differentials to allow for more proficient workers to secure higher salaries.

Supporters cheering President Aquino and holding up a "Cory Doll" during celebrations at a military camp yesterday.

Filipinos mark Freedom Day in carnival spirit

Manila — Joyous Filipinos danced in the streets, sang and prayed with thousands of soldiers yesterday to celebrate the first anniversary of the overthrow of former President Marcos and the return of democracy (Keith Dalton writes).

Cheering and flag-waving civilians celebrating Freedom Day embraced smiling soldiers in a re-enactment of the "People's Power" revolt one year ago when hundreds of thousands of people formed a human barricade to protect the soldiers after they rebelled against the Marcos regime.

Children and adults clambered over tanks and cheered wildly as Air Force fighters streaked past and Army helicopters showered confetti and flowers over the heads of an estimated half a million people who crowded a mile-long stretch of Manila's Edsa Highway.

There was no sign of tension even though 3,000 troops remain on full alert after intelligence reports of a coup attempt or bombing campaign by Marcos supporters. Mr Marcos yesterday completed his first year in exile in Hawaii.

The day-long celebrations began with the nationwide peeling of church bells and a flag-raising ceremony at military headquarters at which President Aquino praised the rebel soldiers who joined the anti-Marcos coup leaders, the former Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and the armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos.

"In the moment of truth, when you were ordered to fire on marchers for peace, for once in your lives you disobeyed. You disobeyed the dictator in obedience of a higher cause," Mrs Aquino told soldiers and civilians.

But since taking power Mrs Aquino has grappled with two attempted military insurrections and continuing discontent within the armed forces over her handling of the communist insurgency she inherited from the Marcos regime.

● Debt talks: The Philippines will continue its debt rescheduling talks with creditor banks next week despite high-level suggestions that it follow Brazil's example and suspend interest payments on its foreign debt, Mr Jaime Ongpin, the Finance Secretary, said yesterday.

Guerrillas loot police armoury

Dhaka — A policeman was killed and another mortally wounded as a band of underground Marxist guerrillas overran a suburban police station and looted the armoury (Ahmed Fazl writes).

It is the second time in three months that the group, allegedly led by Major Zia Uddin, a fugitive army officer, has attacked a police station and plundered its armoury.

Briton freed

Delhi (Reuter) — The High Court has set aside the conviction last May of Peter Robertson Cowan, a Briton jailed for 10 years for narcotics offences.

Swan song

Stockholm (AP) — Milos Forman's film, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, is closing in Stockholm after 573 weeks.

Dogs home

Christchurch (Reuter) — The last 14 husky dogs to work in Antarctica are on their way to the United States and retirement.

Danger post

Lille (AFP) — French bomb experts were called to a piece of wasteland to defuse a live 132 lb First World War mortar shell that local children had been using as a goalpost.

Palme killer hunt 'will probably fail'

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Swedes were yesterday warned to resign themselves to the probable failure of the hunt for the killer of Olof Palme, the late Prime Minister, the first anniversary of whose death falls this Saturday.

Superintendent Inge Reneborg, who is leading a drastically cut-back squad of 70 detectives, admitted he had no real leads on the killing.

"We must just work patiently," he said.

In an interview with the National News Agency, TT, he said: "It will take a long time before the killer is caught . . . if ever."

As torchlight processions and peace meetings are planned for this weekend in tribute to Mr Palme, Sweden under its new Prime Minister, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, aged 53, continues to pursue a markedly more cautious, middle-of-the-road course than that advocated by Mr Palme.

Mr Carlsson: following a more cautious line.

The country is fast losing the image Mr Palme sought to give it as the conscience of the developed world, advocating disarmament, equality and generous support for the Third World.

The traditionally "safe" left-wing cause of South Africa found Mr Carlsson very much on the defensive this week while attending a Nordic Council meeting in Helsinki.

He continued to resist the imposition of unilateral trade sanctions that would cost jobs in Swedish firms supplying the South African mining industry and halt imports of manganese, vital for speciality steel production.

A year after taking office, Mr Carlsson still comes across as a modest, uncharismatic figure, in marked contrast to the flamboyant Mr Palme.

In a recent interview he said he had never harboured ambitions to be Prime Minister. "I was completely set on Olof staying put for several years as Prime Minister," he said. "There was speculation that he might take some international assignment, but I believe he would have wanted to stay in Sweden."

America's growing army of homeless

25,000 wander the streets of Chicago

**From Charles Bremner
Chicago**

When the temperature falls below 15 degrees Fahrenheit, the police start pulling the homeless off the Chicago streets and take them to centres like Captain Gary Crowell's. Those are the lucky ones.

Mr Crowell, a hard-bitten Salvation Army captain, runs the only warming shelter in the north side of the Windy City, which, like all of America's big cities, is in the grips of a tide of homelessness that has had no equal since the Depression of the 1930s.

About 90 people can crowd into the khaki campbeds in Mr Crowell's dormitory on the third floor of an old commercial building. Other city shelters can provide 1,800 beds — far short of the number needed for the 25,000 people wandering the streets of Chicago with nowhere to spend the night.

"We're just being swamped by the number of homeless people around now," says Mr Crowell, whose centre is a seven-minute taxi drive from the gleaming towers of the opulent city centre. Mr John Cheyne, the Salvation Army's Chicago director, said he thought it intolerable that hunger and homelessness should be spreading in "the world's most dynamic country".

For the first few years of the Reagan Administration, Washington cut back welfare spending, the states did little and the complaints of the agencies like the Chicago Salvation Army went unanswered. With regiments of homeless now visible across the land, the issue has hit the national consciousness and the legislators have begun to act.

Hardly a television news bulletin goes by without a report on the new poor, usually with quotes from figures bundled in blankets lying on steam gratings of the cities of the northern frost belt, or shots of "bag ladies" sifting through rubbish bins.

Spurred on by the increasingly intrusive sight of the homeless in the capital, federal politians have just defied a presidential veto and approved $50 million (£32.4 million) in emergency funds and started speeding a further $500 million package.

The new Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, Mr Jim Wright, is leading the drive. "I just don't believe that the American people would turn their backs upon the needs of their fellow Americans for a clean and warm and safe place to spend the night for $2," Mr Wright said, referring to the cost per head of the $500 million package.

The emergence of the homeless issue has coincided with a new consensus among politicians on reforming the creaking welfare system.

Contracting budgets have shrunk welfare payments to the unemployed by about 33 per cent in real terms over the past decade.

One of the few old-school liberals in Congress, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, calls the new momentum for a welfare overhaul, based on job training and work incentives, the political equivalent to a "rare alignment of the sun, the moon and the earth that causes all manner of natural wonders".

Some political scientists are already diagnosing a pendulum swing back towards greater social concern from the comparative neglect of the conservative Reagan years.

Congressmen say that the Administration, which has until recently placed the burden of dealing with the poor on the states, is now showing a new willingness to use federal funds.

Chicago's first black mayor, Mr Harold Washington, won an easy primary election victory over Mrs Jane Byrne, his rival for nomination as the Democratic candidate to run America's third city for the next four years (Our Own Correspondent writes from New York). Mr Washington, aged 64, who casts himself as a foe of the old Chicago Democratic "machine", received massive support from the city's black population to take 53 per cent of the vote. Mrs Byrne, aged 52, who was ousted as mayor by Mr Washington in 1983, received 47 per cent of the Democratic poll in a turnout by 76 per cent of the 1.5 million registered electors. For the past six decades, 60 years Democratic candidates have won the mayor's office in Chicago. No Republican has even sat on the 50-member council for a decade.

Maputo rebels target clinics

**From Paul Valley
Quelimane, Mozambique**

Nicuadala is one of those long, straggling African towns which is little more than a collection of buildings along a dusty main road to somewhere else. But a catalogue of those buildings which have been destroyed gives an insight into the peculiar style of the war in Mozambique.

The large block of shops is standing but the local cooperative there has been burnt out. The district administrator's bungalow, which with its big windows and verandah maintained a little of the old Portuguese colonial style in the town, is now gutted.

The teachers' training college has been attacked. And, in the most recent of the three guerrilla raids, the town's little health centre has been almost destroyed.

The health workers heard the soldiers of the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) coming and fled, as did most of the town's occupants. The rebels managed to kill only two town officials.

When the townsfolk returned they found that grenades had been thrown into the health centre. But before the rebels had set the place alight they had systematically ransacked it.

"I was astonished," said the centre's peripatetic nurse, Marion Birch of the Save the Children Fund. "They had not just taken what might be useful to them, like drugs and bandages. They had taken everything — even the speculae we use for gynaecological investigations." Anything they could not carry they destroyed.

This policy of wanton destruction is the hallmark of the South African-backed rebels. "There is something wilfully obscuritantist about it," said one Western diplomat. Prime targets in this war are health posts and schools, nurses and teachers, as well as important economic targets and officials.

When the Portuguese abandoned Mozambique in 1975 they left one of the worst colonial legacies in all Africa. Health services were provided for only 7 per cent of the population. The new Marxist Government made health a priority.

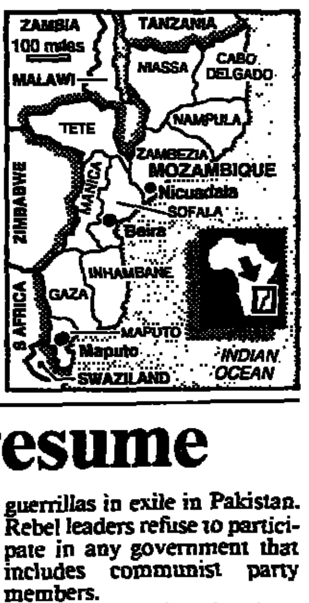
By 1979 it had immunized 95 per cent of the population. By 1983 it had created 1,222 rural clinics.

But the MNR has destroyed more than 500 of those health posts, depriving, according to a Unicef report, two million people of health care and ending most vaccination programmes. Hundreds of medical personnel have been killed or wounded.

As a result of this and malnutrition after the MNR's destruction of crops and its paralysis of the transport of foodstuffs, Unicef estimates that an additional 82,000 children died in 1985. The infant mortality rate here has shot up from 180 per 1,000 live births and is now the highest in the world. Today more than a third of all babies die before they are five.

In Nicuadala the health centre has since reopened in a store house. But after the last attack people are afraid to use it.

"Before we were treating 60 to 70 sick kids every day," said Ms Birch. "After the attack that dropped to 12 and four months later is still only 20 to 25."



First game drawn in tie to meet Kasparov

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The Soviet pair, Anatoly Karpov and Andrei Sokolov, have drawn the first game of their 14-game match in Linares, Spain, to decide who will be the challenger to the world champion, Gary Kasparov.

The opening on Tuesday night, Caro-Kann, led to some initiative for Sokolov, playing white. On his 26th move Sokolov offered a sacrifice of a rook which the former world champion, Karpov, could not risk accepting. The result was that Sokolov gained a pawn.

But in the ensuing endgame of two rooks plus knight versus two rooks plus bishop, Karpov was able to develop adequate counter-play for his lost pawn.

On move 33 Karpov finally re-established material equilibrium, and the draw was agreed on move 35, when Karpov had only one minute left on his clock. Game two will be played on Thursday.

The two Grandmasters analysed together for five minutes before leaving the stage.

White	Black	White	Black
1 e4	c6	19 Qf4	Bxg5
2 c4	d5	20 hxg5	Qc7
3 cxd5	exd5	21 Qf6	Nxd4
4 exd5	Nf6	22 Bxg6	hxg6
5 Nc3	Nxd5	23 cxd4	Rd5
6 Nf3	e6	24 Rac1	Qd7
7 d4	Be7	25 Rc5	Qe7
8 Bc4	0-0	26 Rxg6	Qf8
9 0-0	Nc6	27 Rxf6	Rd7
10 Re1	a6	28 a3	Kg7
11 Bb3	Nxc3	29 Rb6	Ra2
12 bxc3	b5	30 Rc3	Rd2
13 Qd3	Qa7	31 Nf3	Bxf3
14 Bc2	g6	32 Rxf3	R2xd4
15 Bh6	Re8	33 Rxa8	Rxd4
16 Qe3	Bd7	34 g3	Rh5
17 h4	Bf6	35 Kg2	Rhd5
18 Bg5	Bb7	Match drawn	

Disillusion grows as talks to end Afghan war resume

**From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi**

As representatives of the Afghan regime and Pakistan meet in Geneva under UN auspices for the next round of proximity talks aimed at ending the Afghan war, Pakistani negotiators are reported to be disillusioned.

According to a Western diplomatic source in Delhi, the Pakistanis were disappointed by the response that Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, received during a recent visit to Moscow.

Despite the propaganda built up around the talks — the Russians have already announced that they expect this to be the final round — the Pakistanis reportedly feel that there has been no real shift in Soviet ideas on a political settlement.

The talks began in Geneva yesterday, with the Pakistanis and representatives of the Afghan regime in separate rooms. Señor Diego Cordóvez, the special representative of the UN Secretary-General, shuttled between them. The final discussions centre on a timetable for the withdrawal of Russian troops.

The Russians say they cannot withdraw in less than four years, but the Pakistanis, with US backing, insist that the only criterion for timing should be logistics: how long it physically takes the soldiers to pack up and go.

The Pakistanis fear that with a period even as short as 18 months the Russians will be able to mop up the Mujahidin guerrillas whose supplies will have to be cut as withdrawal begins.

The Afghan regime fears that without the Russians to defend them, the life of party members will be threatened

The policy of national reconciliation of Dr Muhammad Najib, the Afghan leader, has also disappointed the Pakistanis and Western sources, who believe that Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, is sincere about wanting to pull his troops out.

The problem is that all references to the likely shape of a government after the Russians go indicate that Dr Najib sees the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the ruling communist party of which he is secretary, as its backbone. He has also said that the revolution which brought the Communists to power is irreversible.

Neither of these sentiments is acceptable to Mujahidin guerrillas in exile in Pakistan. Rebel leaders refuse to participate in any government that includes communist party members.

It also seems clear that there is opposition to the reconciliation policy within the regime itself. According to one observer, Dr Najib is carrying less than half of his followers with him. He said the whole idea of national reconciliation terrified every PDPA man.

It is believed that Dr Najib has been forced into his policy by Soviet enthusiasm for ending their presence in Afghanistan.

But those with expectations of success in Geneva are puzzled that no forum has been established for talks on evolving an acceptable form of successor government. Without this, there is little hope for an accord allowing the Russians to pull out.

UN claims consensus on political solution

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

"The Afghans themselves, without exclusion, must be encouraged to decide their own future," Señor Diego Cordóvez said yesterday in opening what he hopes is the final phase of the proximity talks.

Referring to his recent visits to Kabul and Islamabad, as well as to Washington and Moscow, the UN representative said: "I feel there is very strong support everywhere for this political solution, though some people have strong doubts on whether it is possible." There was still deep distrust.

Since it was agreed in November that UN observers should monitor the situation during and after withdrawal of the 110,000 Soviet troops, the sole unresolved point was the timetable.

Señor Cordóvez asserted that all elements were now being consulted, including the Mujahidin. He was confident that, once there was agreement on a withdrawal timetable, "other things will fall into place", according to procedures laid down in the four legal instruments of a UN-sponsored settlement.

In addition to the troop withdrawal, these cover non-interference and non-intervention, the voluntary return of four million refugees and guarantees provided by the Soviet Union and the US.

Loyalties torn in two

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THE COMMON ROOM

Teachers will lobby Parliament this afternoon over the Government's plan to impose a pay settlement. **John Clare** and **Mark Dowd** found determination and despair in two big schools

Highbury Grove is a tough. inner-city comprehensive with 1.250 boys. The mid-1960s architecture is brutal; the whole atmosphere discouragingly harsh. The staff room. with its cheap furniture and dirty windows, is as seedy as a social security office.

By contrast. Easthampstead Park. which has 1.500 pupils. is a mock Tudor mansion perched on a hill overlooking Bracknell in Berkshire. The staff room, which is comfortably furnished. commands a lush view of the Thames valley.

Both schools have creditably high standards and are popular with parents. but there the similarity ends. They represent two opposing faces of the state system: a division between those who have to cope with the social pressures of the city and those who do not.

The division is faithfully reflected in the attitudes of their teachers. At Highbury Grove. not a notably militant school, they are grimly prepared to contemplate another two years of disruption — or more if that is what it takes. But at Easthampstead there is no appetite for another long fight. As one teacher put it: "I think we have run out of options."

The teachers at both schools are equally angered by Kenneth Baker's plan to deprive their unions of the right to negotiate pay and conditions with their local authorities. So although. confusingly. a majority at both schools will vote yes in the ballot. they will be making different commitments.

It is a confusion that seems to have been deliberately fostered by the leaders of the three biggest unions. Together they have drawn up a ballot paper which poses only one question: "Are you prepared to strike and take action short of strike? YES/NO".

When the teachers at Easthampstead vote yes. it will be for no more than a half-day protest strike during the fortnight beginning on March 9. At Highbury Grove. however. they will be signifying their assent to a protracted campaign which will cause their pupils to be sent home repeatedly.

Both schools know what that means. for they have both suffered grievous disruption over the past two years. Michael Hawe. the headmaster of Easthampstead. says they have been the worst in his 12 years as a head.

Just under half his staff of 97 are members of the largest and most militant union. the National Union of Teachers. The rest are divided between the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers and the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association.

For two years, in obedience to their unions' instructions, most of them withdrew what they call their goodwill. They banned staff and parents' meetings outside school hours. refused to take classes for absent colleagues and stopped out-of-school activities.

But many teachers at Easthampstead are bitter now about the way their unions acquitted themselves during the endless negotiations. which moved like a circus with the seasons from various parts of London to Coventry and Nottingham and back again, without achieving anything that looked remotely like an agreement.

"It allowed the Government to seize the initiative," one said. Another complained of point-scoring and petty membership struggles. A third likened union officials to a gaggle of squabbling fourth-years.

If such views are held by any of the 90 teachers at Highbury Grove, they are never expressed. They insist they have no option but to continue the struggle: they see the alternative as submission and doggedly refuse to contemplate it.

The NUT and the NAS/UWT each recruit about 40 per cent of the staff: the rest belong to the AMMA. "Whatever action our unions ask for will have enormous support here," said the NUT spokesman. Bob. who, like most of his colleagues, declined to give his full name. Karen, who has been a teacher for 12 years and is a member of the NAS/UWT. nodded her head in emphatic agreement.

"We've come too far to give in now." Bob added. "and, besides. it's not just pay and conditions we're protesting about now. it's the loss of our negotiating rights as well."

Karen nodded again. "We're told our job is absolutely essential, but just look at our pay and conditions! Baker seems to assume we're only working when we're in the classroom. He forgets about all the marking, preparing, assessing, and discussing we have to do. We don't object to working long hours: we'd simply like to be rewarded for it. And it's not just a matter of pay. either: it's a question of professional pride, the way we're valued by society."

David Darby. an English teacher for 11 years. had already filled in his NUT ballot paper. "I voted yes," he said quietly. "Why? Because I'm demoralized. Teaching in secondary schools is a grotty. seedy. shabby. experience. It's an onerous treadmill. You're marking every night until 10 pm. It makes you ill in the head. And the salaries are so low your partner has to work to pay the mortgage.

"No. I don't think taking action will make any difference. But what else can you do?"

Ruth, a senior teacher who has been in the job for 17 years, said: "Education is bloody hard work. You're fighting for control every lesson you're teaching. At the end of the day there's no more of you left to give. You go home too tired to eat properly.

"I've seen teachers arrive at school in the morning and turn away again because they can't take what's coming. Oh. they're a dedicated lot here but, by God, they're not being paid for it."

Ruth said she had left the NUT some years ago to join the NAS/UWT because she disapproved of striking. But she was voting yes this time.

Only one of a dozen teachers questioned at Highbury Grove seemed at all impressed by Mr Baker's pay offer, which. as he has repeatedly pointed out. means they will have had rises worth 25 per cent over the two years to this October.

"It sounds good. doesn't it?" said Deborah. a French teacher for five years. "But bank employees. policemen and local government workers all have opportunities to earn much more. I think financially the future is bleak. Yes. I do enjoy teaching, but given the choice again I wouldn't do it. That's a pity. isn't it?"

At Easthampstead. the teachers tended to compare their pay with the rise in house prices. In the windows of three local estate agents a hundred or so properties were on display; only five cost less than £48.000. "How can anyone even think of entering the profession now?" asked one teacher.

Don Jackson, one of three deputy heads at Highbury Grove, is a member of the AMMA and has been teaching for 30 years. He has just applied for early retirement at the age of 56. "I've had enough," he said.

He held up a duplicated sheet of columns and names. "Look at this. My job is to decide who to send home. There are six teachers off sick today and three unfilled vacancies. That makes nine and I've got four supply teachers. So 40 kids will have to go home early.

"It's the same every day, only sometimes it's worse. I sit here like a sort of demi-god saying you will have education today and you will not. Last year. it was the fourth-years who suffered most. Now they're in their fifth year and they're completely disaffected. Discipline's gone; they don't even turn up for lessons. I just want to get out: it's turning me grey."

At both schools. the two words most often on teachers' lips teachers were "status" and "respect". They are not. according to Michael Hawe. the headmaster of Easthampstead, to be equated merely with pay. "It's much larger than that," he said. "It's a question of how much a country values its educators." And, he might have added, its children.

DIARY OF A DISPUTE

● **1985: Feb 26:** Two largest unions begin industrial action in opposition to "inadequate" 4 per cent pay offer. Teachers want 12.5 per cent.
April: NUT backs two-day week.
July 17: Seven per cent offer to teachers rejected. Talks fold.
October: Government urges councils to sue teachers who withdraw goodwill.
● **1986: January:** Local authorities offer 6.9 per cent rising to 8.5 if unions join Acas talks on restructuring the profession.
February: NAS/UWT ballot backs deal. NUT forced to accept settlement for 1985.
May 9: NUT accepts interim settlement for 1986. Calls off industrial action and joins talks.
May 21: Kenneth Baker replaces Sir Keith as Education Secretary.
May 24: Scott judgement goes against NUT. Teachers told they are contractually obliged to cover for absent colleagues.
July 24: Coventry: five of six unions reach provisional deal on restructuring. NAS opposed.
October: Baker makes £608 million available for pay up to March 1988. Announces intention to scrap Burnham committee.
November: NUT and AMMA agree pay and conditions deal with local authorities. Baker rejects it.
● **1987: January:** Teachers switch attention to preserving negotiating rights.
February: Industrial action recommended by three largest unions.

They went DATaway

Compact discs? The Japanese opted for digital tapes — and sent shock waves through the industry

Tomorrow EMI will release the Beatles hits on compact disc, a vote of confidence, if one were needed, that the future of hi-fi lies in CD. But does it? Only last week it became clear that three Japanese companies were to launch digital audio tape playing machines on their home market in March. To them, DAT represents the ultimate in music making for the home. Will CD, therefore, be made redundant after only four years?

Do not despair. DAT will not make your CD player obsolete but it may mean you will have to lay out another few hundred pounds to stay ahead of the hi-fi revolution.

The secret behind both these new systems is digital technology. Ordinary records work on an analogue system — the pattern on the grooves of the record produce in your machine a signal which represents the original music. Tape cassettes use the same system but they have seriously damaged the black disc market: not only can you carry them around, but you can also record on to them. Last year 55 per cent of LPs sold in the world were on tape cassettes, and only 38 per cent on black discs.

Digital recording converts the original signal into a numbered code which is then read and converted back by your machine. CDs give the consumer an all-digital system and a spectacular improvement in sound reproduction. In addition CDs are almost impossible to scratch and they are played by a laser instead of a needle so the surface does not wear.

From their launch in March 1983 CDs grew spectacularly and this year they are expected to account for 14 per cent of world LP sales. European and American companies invested heavily in their production. But not the Japanese, whose industry is based on hardware (the players) rather than software (the records). So the home electronics industry is divided down the middle and the two sides have totally different concerns.

Western companies loved CD because the consumer could not record one on to an ordinary tape without losing all the quality. So the old copyright problems produced by home and pirate tapings could possibly be solved and the West's massive music software industry could be protected.

The Japanese care nothing for this. They want the West's software but they also want to sell new hardware. DAT is just that — a tape system that provides a sound matching the compact disc and (here's the rub) allows you to record from your CDs with little loss of quality. So for some years companies from the West and from Japan have been in furious debate about DAT. The West argues that CD is still an "emergent" technology which could be murdered in its cradle by DAT.

Now the argument is happening at the level of the European Commission and the Japanese technology ministry. The West is threatening to ban DAT machines completely unless the Japanese put safeguards in their machines which prevent recording. The Japanese say this is an outrageous imposition on the consumer.

Aiwa, Panasonic and Sony are launching DAT machines in Japan next month at a cost of around £800 each, with tapes costing about £8.50. They will not come into the West until agreement is reached.

All-out war, however, is unlikely. The Japanese need our software as much as we need their hardware. So the likeliest outcome is worldwide agreements on tighter copyright controls. For one thing, big western companies like Philips have a foot in both camps. Their software offshoot Polygram is against DAT like everybody else but the parent company has a DAT machine in the pipeline. For another, CD itself is perhaps not as threatened as the West may think.

It is remarkably sturdy, whereas tape, however high the quality, ultimately wears. It is quicker than tape at switching between tracks. And CD can be used as a computer storage system — an encyclopaedia can be stored on a single disc. This opens the way for a system known as CDI, which uses that capacity to provide complex video game programmes.

And the future? Asked whether anything would supercede digital systems, one Philips executive said: "I don't think so yet — but then 10 years ago we all thought analogue was safe . . . "

Bryan Appleyard

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'People who see the Church as part of a romantic Enid Blyton past anger me'

The plan: an all-night café for the young and homeless in the heart of London — run by the Church

The Rev Donald Reeves — "radical rector" of St James's, Piccadilly, and the man who brought us Ken Livingstone and Norman Tebbit in the pulpit — is not given to doling out tea and sympathy. In the case of homeless young people, however, he has come up with the idea of a friendly all-night café, an innovation that could at least go a little way towards saving us from Lord Scarman's feared "Fagan's London".

Reeves is so used to being criticized that he has taken to defending himself in advance. Of his latest scheme he says: "Some people may see it as Band Aid, as not tackling the fundamental problems — and maybe they are right. But I think it could become a place where deeper issues will be raised and people will want to do something about those problems."

The deadline for the cafe, Reeves says, is "yesterday". Realistically, a full-time development worker could be appointed next month and the café itself might be open for business some time next year.

"There are lot of potential difficulties," the flamboyant, energetic and controversial Mr Reeves admits moodily over a rare mid-morning break. "The café could become a centre for drug pushers or prostitution. What do you do with young people at three o'clock in the morning after they've had their coffee?"

Donald Reeves: the "radical rector" who saved his church

St James's, which is already equipped with its own coffee shop, was rescued by Reeves from a position of near-closure in 1980 and he is now midway through a £1 million restoration and development appeal, £150.000 of which will go on the café.

Since it was launched last October, £55,000 has been raised. Some £676.000 of the hoped-for million is destined for structural work, such as repairing the spire and making usable the 17th-century organ, while the rest, in addition to the café, is for enterprises as diverse as the Centre for Health and Healing, the Interface Project and "the arts" — by which St James's means anything from a lecture by the Russian film-maker Andrei Tarkovsky to an anti-heroin rock concert with Siouxsie and the Banshees.

More controversially, it will fund discussion workshops. The Dunamis Project, for example, is a Reeves innovation "to explore issues of personal, national and international security in the modern age" but Reeves is vehement that there is no socialist bias.

Wearing jeans and looking more tired than usual, the rector explains: "I'm bored out of my mind by people who use this sort of ridicule. I'm told I'm left-wing because I invite people like Ken Livingstone and Tony Benn here, but nobody said I was right-wing when Tebbit came."

As to the notion that the Church should be in any way divorced from politics, Reeves takes the view: "We are making connections between faith and life. People have reduced Christianity to going to church, but Jesus didn't talk about the Church or even God, but the Kingdom, about renewing every part of creation. If one was going to believe that the Church is the sole place where God is to be found, then God help God and the Church."

St James's — which in this year's bleak midwinter opened its doors to the homeless at night — has been criticized for giving pew space to exhibitionists and misfits. "That's good news," says Mr Reeves. "They're really welcome: the gospel is about misfits." The people he can't cope with are Yuppies with their "dreadful attitudes about getting to the top by trampling on everyone else and treating women as commodities".

As St James's bookshop testifies, however, most other ideas for living are considered plausible. The Interface project has established links with religious communities from Buddhists to Muslims. The aim is not to swap faiths, but to share experiences.

In an age of declining congregations, Reeves has moved listeners with his rousing sermons, and attracted interest by bringing in "activities appropriate for a city centre church". In particular, he has brought young people into St James's. It's an approach he sees as a contrast to other churches' increasingly "sectarian view of themselves": "They are usually locked and only the vicar's wife knows where the key is. I think I've opened this church wide.

"I get angry with people who see the Church of England with nostalgia, as if it is some little thing to be preserved as part of a kind of romantic Enid Blyton past."

Stephanie Billen

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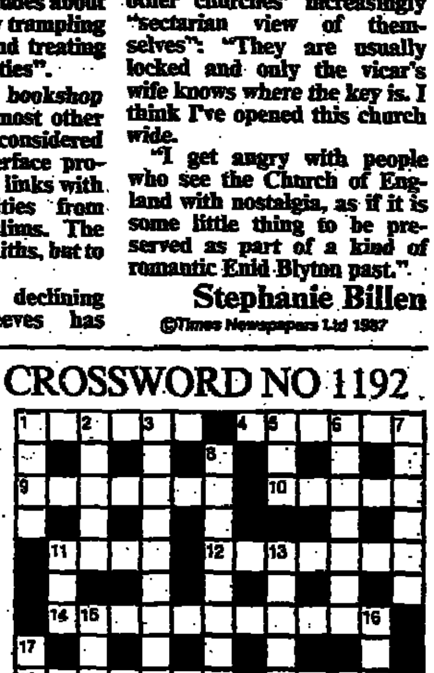

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HEALTH

In the race against tiredness

Some people think that the words female and fatigue are inextricably linked, but after studying the facts, Dr Holly Atkinson believes otherwise. **Donna Leigh** discovers why

Carl Glassman

Dr Holly Atkinson: 'Tiredness is not in our genes, it is a symptom'

Four and a half years ago Dr Holly Atkinson, a 35-year-old American medical journalist and television presenter who has been hailed as the Jane Fonda of medicine, declared war on "having it all" and set out to find ways to combat what she describes as the female epidemic of the Eighties: fatigue.

It was her marriage, in 1983, which made her realize something that all women will find familiar: "Either my energy had to increase or the demands on me had to decrease." She began to research ways in which she could boost her energy, a study which resulted in a book, *Women and Fatigue* (published in Britain today), and in the conclusion that while we may have a finite amount of energy, we can all learn to utilize it in a far more efficient way.

"There are an enormous number of women who think that the 'F' in the word female stands for fatigue; that fatigue is somehow linked with hormones and there's nothing you can do about it. But tiredness is not in our genes, it is a symptom of having too many demands made upon our minds and bodies," Atkinson says.

"In three out of four cases, when a woman visits her doctor nothing physically wrong is diagnosed, but this doesn't mean nothing is wrong. Fatigue is always real. But the way it is presented usually leaves a woman thinking it's a figment of her imagination."

Never before, she asserts, have we been so susceptible to fatigue. "Women have only added to their roles. They haven't changed them, swapped them or been able to give up their traditional roles. What they have done is to take more on."

She cites studies which show that women with children, whether they work full-time at home or have outside jobs, spend 85 to 103 hours working. In addition, she says, housewives and mothers spend as much time in the home today as they did at the turn of the century. "Curiously, labour-saving devices haven't saved one bit of labour. It is so much easier to get the chores done, we do them more often. We don't just wash the clothes on Monday, we wash them every single day of the week."

In researching her book, Atkinson surveyed just over 100 white middle-class Americans, which she admits was not balanced in terms of race or social and economic grouping. They did, however, include single, married and divorced women with and without children, those who worked outside and in the home. Thought provokingly, their overall response when interviewed was: "We know we've broken down a lot of barriers, got through a lot of doors, but the only right we've earned is the right to be perpetually tired."

According to Atkinson, fatigue is the third and final stage of the stress cycle. The first stage is decreased resistance to stress: colds, viruses and infections are primary symptoms. The second is adaptation to stress: the body operates for long periods of time at very stressful levels. The third stage is fatigue, chronic exhaustion. "There have been cases where the adrenalin levels of fatigue patients have been measured and it was found that they had depleted their adrenal glands."

It is startling to note, Atkinson observes, that one in four cases of chronic fatigue can be accounted for by an underlying physical illness: diabetes leading the way, followed by hyper-thyroidism.

Besides the obvious causes of fatigue, she lists smoking, drinking, depression, drugs and crash dieting as well as the conflict between job and home.

It is those women who feel they cannot manage their lives who are most susceptible to fatigue, she says.

"My favourite analogy is driving a car in a Grand Prix. We know that the faster you drive a racing car, the faster you're going to burn up fuel, and the more you have to make pit stops. Men will make those pit stops in life. I found this was the big gender difference. They will relinquish tasks like mowing the lawn and watch the television without feeling guilty. Whereas a lot of women prefer to keep going, get their chores done and suffer from fatigue. What they are in fact doing is getting into a racing car and driving round until it packs out on the track. Not taking time out to revitalize themselves is the fatal mistake most women make."

Atkinson's own lifestyle would appear to leave her little time for the remedies she prescribes. After qualifying as a doctor of internal medicine and spending 18 months with the public health service in Washinton, she went on to obtain a Masters degree in journalism from Colombia University.

Since 1983 she has been freelancing full-time in medical journalism. A striking blonde, blessed with the kind of features loved by the cameras, she hosts two television shows a week, one specifically for doctors and the other a general interest programme called *Bodywatch*. But since her marriage — to Grant Tate, a 52-year-old university professor and computer specialist — she has stopped smoking, given up alcohol and adopted a low-fat diet based on pasta, potatoes, chicken, rice, fish and fresh vegetables.

These, together with exercise and correct sleeping patterns are, she says, essential to conquering fatigue: she believes her own regime of four aerobic classes a week is the ideal and that if seven hours' uninterrupted sleep each night is not possible, catnapping during the day becomes essential. Mothers of young babies, she suggests, should try to rise at their normal time and nap later in the day at the same time as their child.

Undoubtedly, one of the most refreshing messages in *Women and Fatigue* concerns the high standards set for women. "You're supposed to have a dazzling career, a body like Raquel Welch and to entertain like a dream hostess. Of course, something has got to give and I think it should be our cleanliness standards. The problem is that having a pristine home is inexplicably linked to a woman's ability as a wife and home-maker. It's part of her identity. That should change."

One of the most common questions she is asked is how to gain instant energy. She sighs: "If I had written a book called 'The Secrets of Instant Energy' it would have been a runaway best-seller. There is just no such thing. What pleases me is that many women have told me that they have changed the way they think about fatigue. By making small choices they can tip the balance in favour of boosters and feel a heck of a lot better. The good news is that by making these choices you can avoid making radical changes, like having to choose between career and family."

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Cry baby blues

Babies that will not be comforted are a tremendous strain on families. How do they cope?

There can be few sounds in all nature as unendurable as a baby's cry. Evolution has made it a precision instrument to bore into the mother's consciousness: a sort of dentist's drill for the ears, an electric prod to galvanize her into action.

All babies cry, of course. Give or take a few smiles and gurgles and some limited body language, it is their only means of expressing their needs. It is when the crying does not stop that the problems begin.

An estimated 10 per cent of babies cry "excessively" and will not be comforted. Pat Gray, the author of *Crying Baby* which will be published this week, believes that the term "demanding or difficult" is probably more appropriate since it stresses the endless attempts to pacify the baby.

Pat Gray, who is 34 years old, has had two such children. Michelle, now a healthy six-year-old, screamed at length before and after every feed until she was seven months old, when it was found that she was allergic to cows' milk. Two years later, Daniel began yelling in the hospital and bawled for the best part of the next three months. They never discovered what was the matter with him.

Between the two, Gray, a former personnel officer in the health service, formed a local support group with another mother whose baby was even more dreadful, screaming every day and night and driving her to the brink of a nervous breakdown. The group mushroomed to become Cry-sis, a national support system with over 400 counsellors offering help to others living through the nightmare. The calls come in at the rate of 1,000 a year.

Some babies cannot bear an overload of sensations

"It's very hard to develop a good relationship with a baby who cries incessantly," says Gray. "You love the baby so much and at the same time you hate it, or rather you hate what it is doing to you."

Misery for all: a baby's wail

Yet Pat Gray believes such crying is always a call for help of some kind and in fact research has shown that such infants have a particularly irritating cry, verging on that of the sick baby. "People say 'Leave them to cry', but most mothers cannot do that. The only time I've advised that, is when you feel you'd hurt the baby if you had to go to it one more time."

Her book includes a checklist of possible causes, ranging from hunger, pain, discomfort, tiredness, boredom, frustration, colic and allergies to less obvious ones such as sensitivity to tobacco smoke or a low sensory threshold. The latter might come as a shock to advocates of the maximum stimulation school of thought — with all those musical gadgets and bright nursery frescos. It seems that some babies just cannot bear an overload of sensations. Noise, light and movement, even being stroked, distress them enormously.

"This may have been the problem with my son," comments Gray. "When he was feeding, I would always be fiddling with his feet and touching him, because I loved him so much and it was the only time he was nice and quiet. Later, someone told me that stroking or jiggling your baby when he was feeding was like having someone tapping on your shoulder while you're making love. More primitive societies are not into stimulation at all. They swaddle their babies and carry them close." A recent letter in *The Lancet* about a random trial of soft baby carriers ("Snuglis"), seems to confirm the importance of "contact comfort".

Gray stresses that "it's hard to appreciate, if you've not been through it yourself. The attitude is often 'Oh, all babies cry and parents just have to get on with it'. But we are not talking about ordinary, normal crying." She does offer some tips on tackling the problem in her book, from herbal remedies to vacuuming as a soporofic, from swaddling and womb-music cassettes to putting an aquarium in the room, or turning the cot in another direction.

The effects of a crying baby on the mother and other members of the family can be devastating: women feel guilt, anger, frustration, exhaustion, lack of confidence, loneliness and stress and it can strain a marriage and affect older children.

In extreme cases, the child may be harmed. More than half the mothers Pat Gray talked to confessed that they had felt like hurting the baby. Recent American research has shown that a child's crying, combined with other social and economic factors, was frequently a common trigger for abuse.

Mothers confessed that they had felt like hurting the baby

"How many court cases do you read where the person has said 'I just could not stand the screaming any longer"?" Gray feels there is a lot more research to be done, but shortage of funds and the fact that the syndrome is of limited duration and not usually life-threatening, have made it low on the list of priorities. Cry-sis is currently appealing to Edwina Currie for cash. The minister, herself the mother of a crying baby, has made sympathetic noises. Without a grant the group may not be able to carry on.

"We need to make babies more welcome, so that mothers are not isolated," says Gray. "We need to extend support. And we need a revolution in antenatal classes, to stress what having a baby could really mean."

Liz Gill

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Crying Baby *by Pat Gray is published this week by Wisebuy Publications, £3.50. Cry-sis can be reached on 01-404 5011.*

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Primrose power

Last year when farmers were thinking of growing alternative crops, it was suggested that the increasing demand for evening primrose oil, frequently used in the treatment of premenstrual syndrome, might warrant cultivation of the plant. Research carried out at the University of Glasgow on confirms this. Experiments on 52 patients with rheumatoid arthritis, who used anti-inflammatory drugs, provide further evidence of the usefulness of evening primrose oil and fish oil. Some patients were given placebos, others either had fish oil combined with evening primrose oil, or evening primrose oil alone. Most of those taking the combined oils were able to reduce their dose of conventional drugs and two-thirds of those taking evening primrose oil alone, gave up the non-steroidal drugs entirely.

Bat bites

A letter in *The Lancet* about rabies in European bats will do little to help the conservationists' campaign to dispel the public's almost superstitious fear of these usually harmless mammals which nest in their attics.

In America, where last year 829 cases of bats infected with rabies were reported, there is genuine anxiety as there have been a number of cases of people catching rabies after being bitten by bats. The report in *The Lancet* shows that colonies of infected bats have spread from Russia and Finland, where the first cases of infected humans occurred, to northern Germany, and southern Jutland in Denmark, and makes the assumption that it is more widespread in Europe than previously supposed. In Denmark it seems there has been little spread from bats to terrestrial mammals, although the first case of a Dane being bitten by a rabid bat was reported in the autumn of 1985.

Travel tips

Fifty years ago, the Army and Navy Stores catalogue illustrated solidly-made travelling medicine chests, containing emergency first aid supplies for expatriate Britons. In 1987 the traveller should follow the recent example of the Prince of Wales and again take a medicine chest, for Aids is rife in those countries where there has been little money to provide sterile needles, disposable syringes and blood transfusion sets, suturing needles and materials. MASTA, the Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad have produced a modern pack, the size and weight of a spongebag, which contains all the necessary equipment for emergency injections, stitching and transfusions. Each pack costs £8.52 plus VAT, from MASTA, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT (01-631 4408).

Cream care

The Government's leaflet on Aids, with its warning against the use of oil-based lubricants with condoms, has worried women who use spermicidal creams as an additional safeguard against conception. Their fears are groundless: the commonly used spermicides, such as Ortho-creme, and Delfen, are water based and Orthoform is water-miscible. Genexol and Rendells are oil-based, but would not affect a condom. The warning was aimed at Vaseline, baby, and other mineral oils. Laboratory experiments show that the spermicidal creams have an antiviral action against HLV.

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We Expect A Lot From Latex. Maybe too much, in the case of condoms. While the spread of AIDS has popularised this traditional form of protection, a recent study in the U.S. revealed that 8% of infected couples who used condoms passed on the virus to their partners. Still, realising that sheaths are superior to any other existing form of protection, an enterprising fashion designer plans to launch a 'designer condom' in the summer!

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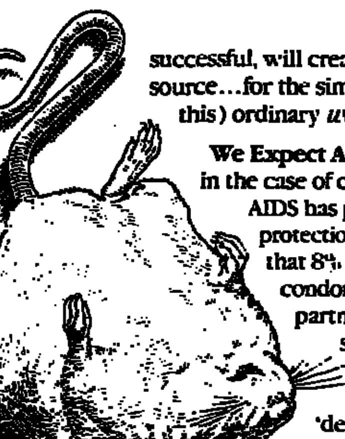

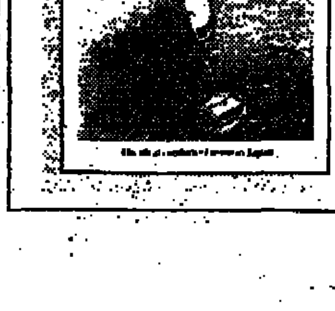

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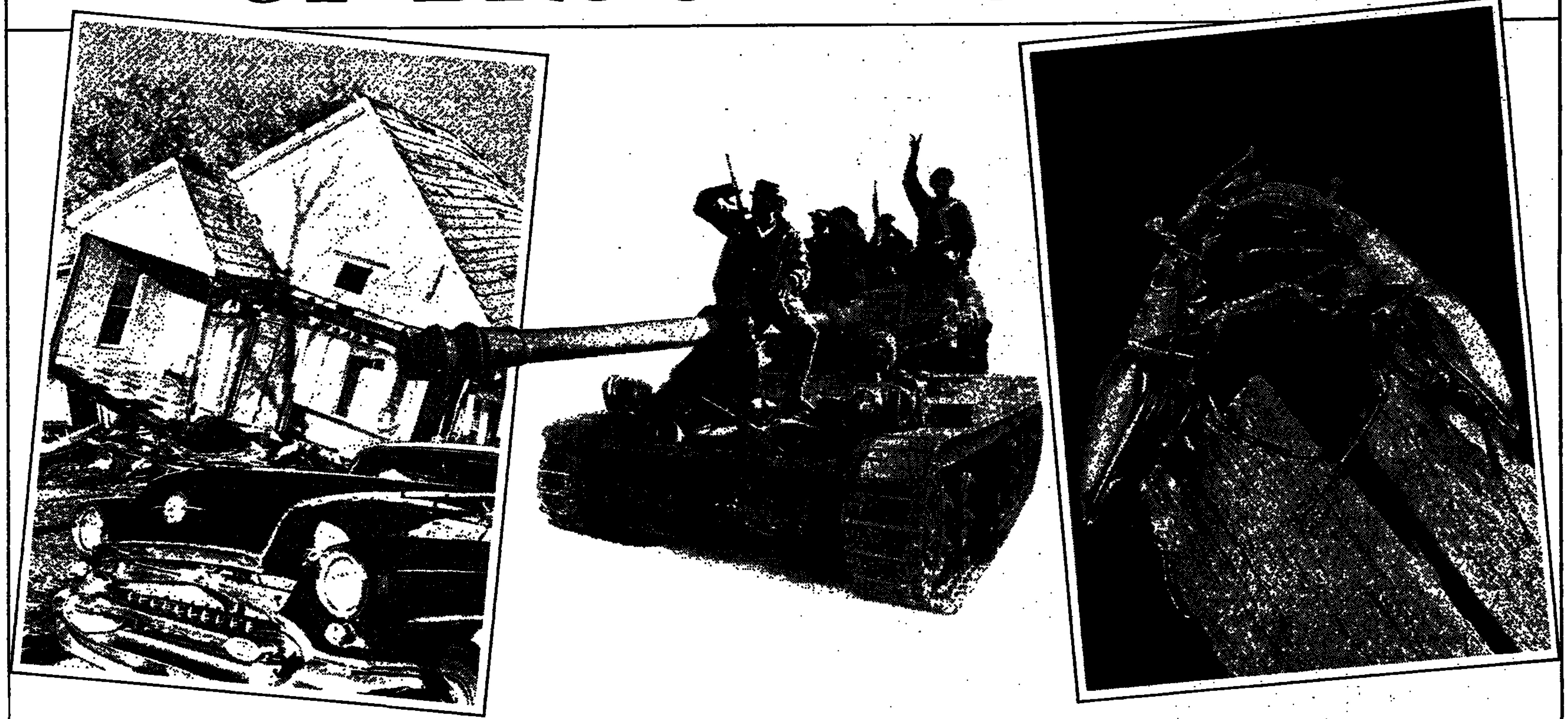

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LITTLE WILSON AND BIG GOD
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There is something very disconcerting about Anthony Burgess. It is not just that he has written 29 novels in 34 years; not just that he became a professional writer at the relatively late age of 42; not just that he is a composer as well as a novelist. It is rather that, in his role as a Manchester Catholic with Irish roots (with the Mancunian pillar of that strange temple bearing the greater weight), he manages to combine two quite distinct traditions. He is both European scholar and Celtic man, intellectual artist and "blunt" Northerner, thus accounting for the amalgam of the universal and the demotic, the cerebral and the earthy, which permeates all his work.

And, in this first volume of his autobiography, it is possible to see in part how that extraordinary imagination was formed. Manchester made him. He remembers the street songs and and the popular tunes, the catch-phrases and the foodstuffs, of that city in the 20s. His memory is as richly stocked with details as his fictions, and he can even recall such things as the advert for Sloan's Liniment on the back of a school-book. Like his literary hero, James Joyce, he has a proper respect for what the world calls trivia; and these fragments of memory are like small windows opening on a lost time. You need not read this book as autobiography at all, but simply as social history of a superior sort.

But what do we discover of the child, little John Burgess Wilson, who in later life was to abandon that name? His mother died when he was very young, and his father was notable only for his absences; he was a boy "perpetually angry", and this not just for familial reasons. Manchester was the enchanted city of his childhood, but it was also "an ugly world with ramshackle houses and foul back alleys." Perhaps that accounts for his curious detachment, that "rejection of the external world" which apparently marked his pale features, just as his estrangement from the cultural hegemony of a much-despised London has led to his lifelong feeling of being "cut off from the mainstream of English life."

No doubt young Wilson's truculence was increased by a Jesuitical education, one of the salient features of which was the "patrician diction" of the priests. Once again he felt himself to be an outsider, and in a sense he has been fighting against that accent all his life, his permanent interest in phonetics springing from the anger of his adolescence – as if he wanted to study the very instruments of his exclusion. After school he wandered, lost in self-doubt. He wrote a symphony, the harbinger of much interesting musical work; and he still worries whether "I was wrong in turning to literature." In fact some of the best passages here are about the relation between music and fiction; such connections between the two are rarely made, principally because there are not many people who can compose both.

Burgess himself is not slow to emphasize his uniqueness in that respect, as in others; but if he has the occasional boastfulness of the autodidact, it has to be remembered that he has a lot to be boastful about. Self-esteem does not preclude self-criticism, in any case, and in particular he is frank about the apparent emotional coldness of his novels – a condition which he ascribes to the loss of maternal love. The same "coldness" is sometimes evident in these pages, too, although here it can usefully masquerade as Northern bluntness or brusqueness. Certainly his descriptions of his contemporaries are not blurred by any roseate glow of nostalgia; but the point is that this relentless clarity is also directed against himself. We discover that he is uncircumcised, for example, that he slept with prostitutes on an apparently regular basis, and that his relationship with his first wife was marked by mutual infidelity.

To mention his wife is to enter what seems to have been by far the darkest, if also the most eventful, period of his life. There was a time of drunken fecklessness, there was Manchester University, there was a marriage, there was a War (he was dispatched first to Entertainments and then to Education, a fitting emblem of his artistic career), and then there was a protracted period of teaching. But not even Burgess's rumbustious prose and starkly defined vision can disguise the faint, insidious greyness of his life during these years. And how could they have not been grey? He was wandering in a half-light; he was still trying to find his proper life as an author.

He began writing seriously while teaching in Malaya; but even here, among the cobras and the drunken nights and the colonial "characters", one hears the long mosquito whine of his desperation. In the course of this, he also provides an exact description of his wife's drunkenness and decline (her death from cirrhosis of the liver does not occur in this volume, which ends in his forty-second year), but only the most inexact observer could describe it as a "cold" account. There are matters for which rhetorical delivery or imaginative heightening would be obscene. The "down to earth" manner of Burgess is something of a foil for the impercipient.

By the end of the book, however, the novelist Anthony Burgess has taken over from "the failed musician called John Burgess Wilson." That transformation was heralded by apparent illness, when an inoperable cerebral tumour was diagnosed on his return from Malaya; but out of the wreckage of his life Wilson created Burgess. It might seem odd that there are no photographs here of the child or the adolescent who eventually gave birth to this creature, but, as he explains, the termites and the damp heat of the Far East destroyed them all many years ago. And perhaps it is fitting that nature should have erased the images, leaving only the words behind. For one thing, the words have never failed him.

Sailing back to the past

FICTION

Isabel Raphael

THE MEMOIRS OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
With Stephen Marlowe
Cape, £10.95

GILLES AND JEANNE
By Michel Tournier
Translated by Alan Sheridan
Methuen, £9.95

I drifted uneasily through the first 29 pages of *The* Memoirs of Christopher Columbus, vaguely embarrassed by the arch attribution of the novel to Columbus himself "with Stephen Marlow", and uncertain whether I could comfortably endure the knowing air and anachronistic style for another 540. But when Governor Pighi-Zampini of the Centurione Bank dispatched Columbus from Genoa saying, "My poor boy, forced into exile at the very height of the Italian Renaissance," I shouted with laughter, abandoned my reservations and settled down to enjoy – with all its faults – a quite remarkable book.

Columbus's voyages are the very stuff of romance: but Stephen Marlowe has done his research well, and persuaded me that, while he deliberately flouts the rules of his chosen genre, he does not break them. The world *was* very small in those days, and everyone was connected with everybody else; if the author wants to slip a young hidalgo named Borja on to the ship taking Columbus's family to Italy, to reappear later as Cardinal Borgia, who is to know for certain that this never happened? The narrative of the voyages and settlements in the New World tallies accurately with contemporary accounts; and so, I fear, do the appalling rites of the Inquisition in the so-called civilized world of Spain. But a novelist must flesh out historical names and facts, and this Stephen Marlowe does with gusto. "Be audacious" is Borgia's advice to Columbus, and audacity rules O.K., in a story of outrageous but mostly plausible coincidences, told with hindsight and foresight up to the present day, including Columbus's mocking view of such experts on his life as Samuel Eliot Morison and Salvador de Madariaga.

Columbus is a star from the outset, attracting people and incidents like a magnet, a man blessed with the kind of luck that retains trust in most inauspicious circumstances.

Whether shouting for icebergs off Greenland, bearding Their Most Catholic Majesties, or sailing over the edge of the Ocean Sea, he has all the signs of a survivor, following his *faege*, or doom, not fanatically, but with a cool certainty that causes a variety of characters to throw in their fortunes with his. A rum lot they are, too, sailors and spies, a mystic Indian chieftain and a wheeling-dealing Jewish financier, who is curiously incomplete until Columbus brings him back from the Indies that finishing touch – the first cigar.

And there are women. I quickly dismissed an episode of Celtic whimsy at the start, only to find a far more tiresome creature in Petenera, a kind of embryo Princess Eboli and Jewish dissident to boot, "with hair like the darkest black on the underside of a raven's wing and eyes the emerald green of a deep coral-girt lagoon..." Marlowe mocks himself, but I came to dread the appearance of the Blue Pimpernel because the relationship seriously diminished the achievement of other flights of fancy. Whimsical strands, of a peculiarly American vein of sentiment, run throughout the book, but they can be admired or ignored at will. What remains is a splendidly robust retelling of a grand tale that with irony, humour, and wit puts the 15th century into a recognizable perspective. But why, in a novel about navigators, is there not a single map?

Michel Tournier's *Gilles and Jeanne* also approaches the past from a modern view point, exploring the effect of Joan of Arc's execution upon her companion-at-arms Gilles de Rais. In the nine years that followed her death Gilles became a monster: seducing, torturing, and murdering small boys until he too was condemned to the stake, to find his salvation in the fire that had destroyed her. Into the brutal, earthy society of rural France Tournier brings Francesco Prelati, a defrocked clerk devoted to the ideals of the new learning of Florence. His belief that man must have the courage to plunge into the darkness in order to bring back light – if necessary through diabolical means – leads him into an unholy alliance with Gilles, ostensibly to save his soul, but also to satisfy his own thirst for power.

This is a slight book, polished and elegant, but tantalizing in that it appears to ask questions and avoids answering them. I wondered why Tournier should wish to revive so abhorrent a story, only to gloss superficially over the psychology of the two men. I reminded me of John Fuller's *Flying to Nowhere*, but it lacks the penetration and the mystery of that intriguing little book, while its historical setting lays claim to a more serious attention. It requires a strong stomach and a taste for medieval casuistry: but that, feel, is all.

Tragic Sound and Fury

Peter Jones

TRAGEDY
Shakespeare and the Greek Example
By Adrian Poole
Blackwell, £19.50

Oedipus has pointed out that treaties can be broken by a mere word. Mr Poole comments:

> *That is all–it takes: one little word. The power of this minute difference stands out against life's very multiplicity and innumerability. The sense of life's bounty runs throughout the play and achieves its most benign expression in the ode in praise of Colonus. But the corollary of this is the recognition that the life of a single creature is little and unique. What makes the difference between life and human life is an apprehension of uniqueness and difference, the difference which one single thing can make to a man's life, one word, one gesture, one event – the apprehension that, amid life's profusion and the unnumbered sands on the sea-shore, a man's life is only one thing and one thing only.*

One little word from Oedipus: 122 from Mr Poole. That is typical of the book. Impressionistic, emotional observations are swept along on a thunderous Niagara of verbiage smashing vertiginously onto the page below and enveloping all in an impenetrable spray of mist. The above example is mere local flooding compared with the two-page havoc wrought by Coriolanus's "There is a world elsewhere."

The reason is, I suggest, to be found in the first chapter. Because tragedy is so "resistant to interpretation", we need "an active imaginative participation in the text from the other side of the gulf." I am not exactly sure what this means, but it sounds pretty unhealthy to me. I should have thought "detached, intelligent criticism" was more likely to produce results. I suspect that "imaginative participation" is an excuse for using the texts as a sounding-board off which the writer can bounce whatever sensibilities come to him, without submitting any of them to prior critical evaluation. Such slippery, imprecise language and thought pervade the book. I give two examples out of many in my notes.

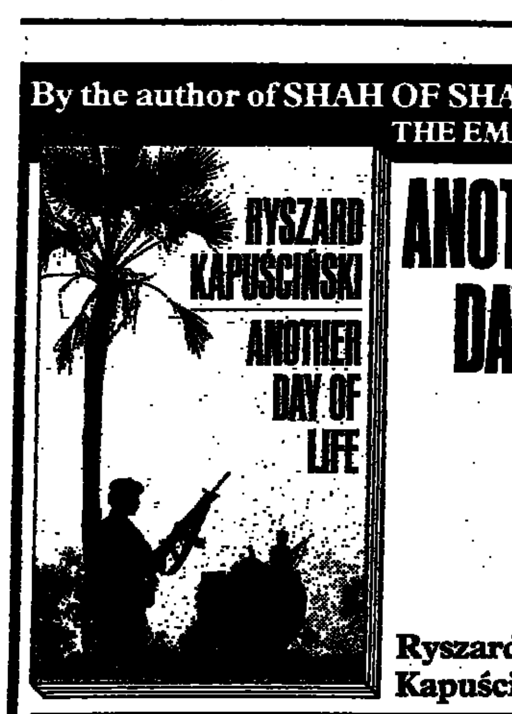
In the opening chapter, Mr Poole tells us that tragedy teaches us that we are "more diverse than we had imagined", that it asks questions which cannot be answered, that it explodes the solidity of explanations, that it is founded on the relationship between sufferer and spectators, that it resists ideology (etc. for 14 pages). He then solemnly assures us that "tragedy is intrinsically hostile to generalization".

When Oedipus blinds himself, Mr Poole comments: "The design of the gods is fulfilled." But their design that he marry his mother and kill his father had been fulfilled years before the action of the play begins; and if he means Teiresias's *prophecies*, these include exile – which is not granted to Oedipus at the end of the play. Not a single twist or turn of the play has anything to do with divine preordination at all.

The pity of all this is that the material for a tasty little book may be lurking there in the undergrowth. Mr Poole makes interesting use of the classical tradition (e.g. Tennyson, de Tabley, and Gide on *Philoctetes*) and his comparison of *Oedipus* with *Bacchae*, for example, struck me as illuminating. But the book needed, and did not get, an editor with a machete.

It will now be apparent why I have shirked the elementary task of the reviewer in saying what the book is about. I do not know. Mr Poole claims there is a "cumulative argument" to it, but I have identified none (unless it is to demonstrate the truth of the banal generalizations put forward in the opening chapter). He certainly does not tackle the fascinating question of what Shakespeare might have known about Greek tragedy (mediated through whatever sources). All I can say is that Mr Poole gives us comparative "readings" of a number of plays of Shakespeare and the Greek tragedians – *Lear, Macbeth, Hamlet*, on the one side; and including *Oresteia, Oedipus Rex, Hippolytus, Antigone, Philoctetes*, and *Bacchae* on the other. I would argue that, more often than not, his "readings" demonstrate that the sword of participation and the breastplate of imagination are worthless substitutes for the armour of disciplined, critical thought.

By the author of SHAH OF SHAHS and THE EMPEROR



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Matt Scudder is not so much a professional sleuth as a weary, bottle-scarred ex-cop who does occasional favours for his many friends in trouble. He inhabits a twilight New York world of bars, sleazy hotels, and no-hopers living on the margin of legality.

Scudder ought to be dislikeable and depressing; but Block's skill turns him into a sympathetic, compassionate man down on his luck but not piteable. Dialogue and atmosphere sparkle with authenticity and humour; the plotting is clever; and there is a splendid cast of neo-Runyonesque characters plying the late night drinking circuit.

Block has been writing superior crime novels for a long time. He seems now to be sticking with Scudder as a main character; which should enhance his reputation here.

● **Mummy's Boy, by William Paul *(Macdonald, £9.95)*. A slight case of over-reaction. Mummy has been betrayed by various men; so when she dies, Junior takes revenge by spreading anthrax around two continents, killing hundreds. A strong psychological tale, vividly written, depressingly believable in its horrific details. Not for those who like a good laugh.**

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● **Final Moments, by Emma Page *(Collins, £8.95)*. Fun-loving *divorcée* choked with silk scarf: quietly impressive Chief Inspector Kelsey unravels motives and alibis among her past and present lovers and enemies. Page's lack of flamboyance in plot and writing sometimes disguises her competence in crafting and characterization. She seldom disappoints.**

Goose step to nothing

Woodrow Wyatt

FASCISM IN BRITAIN
A History, 1918-1985
By Richard Thurlow
Blackwell, £16

Fascism and Communism appeal to those who think the old systems moribund, and want quick dramatic solutions engineered by tough, hero-like, commanders with infallible plans in their knapsacks. The delays of democracy must be obliterated so that the promised land can be reached instantly, and its joys distributed among the faithful sheep. Mussolini, Lenin, possibly even Hitler and Stalin, began with some good intentions.

So did Mosley, the only advocate of Fascism to make a tiny mark in Britain. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the 1929 Labour Government, he genuinely thought the Labour Party incapable of conquering unemployment; and socialists like John Strachey and Nye Bevan were momentarily attracted by his proposed remedies. If Mosley had not been victim of a towering vanity he might have become leader of the Labour Party and Prime Minister. But his nature could not stomach the refusal of the walls of our parliamentary Jericho to fall down at his trumpet call. In his folly he sought a short cut.

When he founded the British Union of Fascists in 1932, Mussolini (who helped him with funds) had not been wholly discredited. It was an era in which Churchill said that if he had been an Italian he would have supported Mussolini. Mosley had a tattered philosophy, according to which the discipline of the Fasciam he designed for Britain would advance our collective evolution and restore our greatness. Mugs like Lord Rothermere fell for this. Handsome Mosley, in his beautifully tailored black uniform, addressing a mass Albert Hall meeting, had a star quality, which captivated men and women with insufficient cultural roots to probe the patriotic superficialities.

To drum up more custom Mosley needed the publicity of violence at his demonstrations, and hate figures such as Communists and Jews: though it is unlikely that, if given the chance, he would ever have built gas chambers. As Hitler rose in all his awfulness, Mosley was correspondingly weakened. What little following he gained had almost evaporated by the time the war began. It was unnecessary to intern him.

After the war Mosley put his shabby show on the road again with much less success than before. The National Front later assumed his role and fostered, particularly in poorer areas, resentment against coloured immigrants. 1977 was its peak year: the average National Front vote in council elections reached 17.8 per cent in Tower Hamlets, 13.9 per cent in Hackney, 12.5 per cent in Newham, and 10.6 per cent in Wolverhampton. Since then nothing much has been heard of the National Front apart from street scuffles.

If Fascism could not get a grip in Britain when aided by the glamour of Fascist success in other European countries, it cannot get up steam when there is nothing but failure. It is a creed, like Communism, which feeds on the power fantasies of its followers. This is why Communists, Militants, and Trotskyists are more dangerous today than Fascism ever was.

Mr Thurlow shows well how movements marching to nowhere degenerate into bitter internal squabbles, arguing endlessly about doctrine and tactics. Britain has never cared much about doctrines: though Levellers, Puritans, and other fanatical minorities have been able occasionally and temporarily to impose their will on majorities while the nation slept. This persistent strain is seen in the strange activities of some extreme Left local councils; but I doubt whether their sway can last long.

NEW BOOKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

A Voyager Out, The Life of Mary Kingsley, by Katherine Frank (Hamish Hamilton, £14.95)
Agesilaos and the Crisis of Sparta, by Paul Cartledge (Duckworth, £39.50)
Cities and Civilizations, by Christopher Hibbert (Weidenfeld & Nicholson, £15)
Early Greek Philosophy, translated and edited by Jonathan Barnes (Penguin Classics, £4.95)
Last Letters, Prisons and Prisoners of the French Revolution, by Olivier Blanc (André Deutsch, £9.95)
Moral Monopoly, The Catholic Church in Modern Irish Society, by Tom Inglis (Gill & Macmillan, £25)
Left Behind, Journeys into British Politics, by David Selbourne (Cape, £10.95)
Royal Sunset, The Dynasties of Europe and the Great War, by Gordon Brook-Shepherd (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £14.95)
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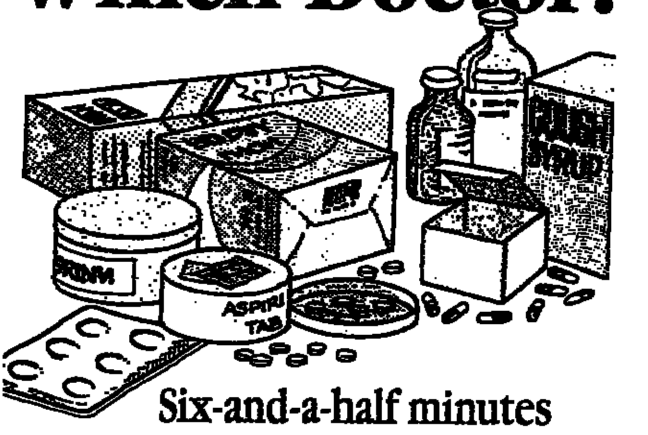
Which Doctor?



Six-and-a-half minutes is the average time spent by a general practitioner on a patient-it's no wonder that more and more people are turning to alternative medics, from herbalist to faith healers, in search of a cur for their ailments.

In this week's THES, Ronald Frankenberg and Ursula Sharma report on the new consumerism in medicine, and how it is affecting our perceptions of our own bodies.

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Baker out?

ichard Baker's 17-year reign as hairman of Radio 4's *Start the Week* could be at an end. The rogramme, designated a "net- ork flagship" by the channel's ontroller, Michael Green, has een beset by crises in the past ear. The acerbic regular, Kenneth obinson, sacked last summer, omplained on air that the man- er of his departure was "a bloody isgrace". Next to go was his eplacement, caricature North ountryman Bill Bore. When *his* uccessor, alternative comedienne uby Wax, was axed in Novem- er amid complaints about poor aste, the department head, Alan ogers, broke convention by dmitting that the programme, hose ratings had fallen, had lost s way: the producer, Victor ewis-Smith, was replaced. Yes- erday, the BBC told me that aker had asked for a one-year abbatical, starting in May. Nego- iations are under way to engage ussell Harty.

Ridleyism

t seems that Nicholas Ridley, the nvironment Secretary, is not verly enchanted by Edwina Cur- ie, the junior Health Minister. In speech to the East Midlands rea *Agricultural Forum* on Tues- ay Ridley talked about consumer astes and the increased market for rganically grown food. His ref- rence to "growing prosperity and ealth consciousness, which — espite rumours to the contrary — xtends even to the North of ngland" made his target clear nough. I cannot help thinking, owever, that describing Mrs urrie's derogatory observations n northern eating habits as a rumour" is a trifle understated.

BARRY FANTONI

m for a teachers' strike — at least it will put off being taught positive images for gays.'

Alas poor Bruce

eneral Sir John Hackett was esterday lamenting the decision y his old sparring partner, Monsi- or Bruce Kent, to quit the riesthood. In the latest *Encounter* agazine, Sir John prophetically ggested that Kent was out of line ith Cardinal Hume and the Pope n nuclear defence and that he ould discuss the matter with the oly Father. He concluded that ent is probably "more muddle- eaded than malign". Yesterday, r John said he could imagine the ibulation that must have be- boured Kent and regretted that s convictions had cost him his cation, adding: "I've the highest rsonal regard for Brucie."

olly Rogers

umours that General Bernard ogers, the sacked US Nato chief, ay return to Oxford academia e being welcomed by Douglas illin, for 36 years a porter at niversity College. Millin built up extraordinary relationship with ogers, whom he knew as a hodes scholar, and when the neral returned for college func- ons Millin would bark his advice strategy. Far from resenting it, ogers made sure he got to illin's retirement party. The rmer head porter says of the rmer supremo: "He was the best nerican there ever was."

Marked

nes Anderton, the Chief Con- ble of Greater Manchester, is ting sick of the criticism he has en for his outspoken religious nvictions. The last straw is a ster advertising campaign being nducted by the *Today* news- per depicting him against a ht-suffused cloud, over the cap- n "Halo, halo, halo". Far from ning the other cheek, Anderton threatening legal action.

Men of stone

e advocates of woman priests l, it seems, go to any length to ke things difficult for their oonents. Stumped for a use for derelict medieval church of St rtholemew at Covenham, Lin- nshire, the Church Com- sioners offered it to a group of glicans in the United States o were keen to transport it ne by stone to Corona del Mar, lifornia. But the scheme has en through because, says the v Steve Scarlett of St Matthew-the-Sea in Corona del Mar, the nmissioners changed their nds after pressure from the iscopalian Church. The Epis- palians were still smarting at the ision of the traditionalist erican Anglicans to split from m because of their plans to lain woman priests. St tholomew's is now likely to be nolished.

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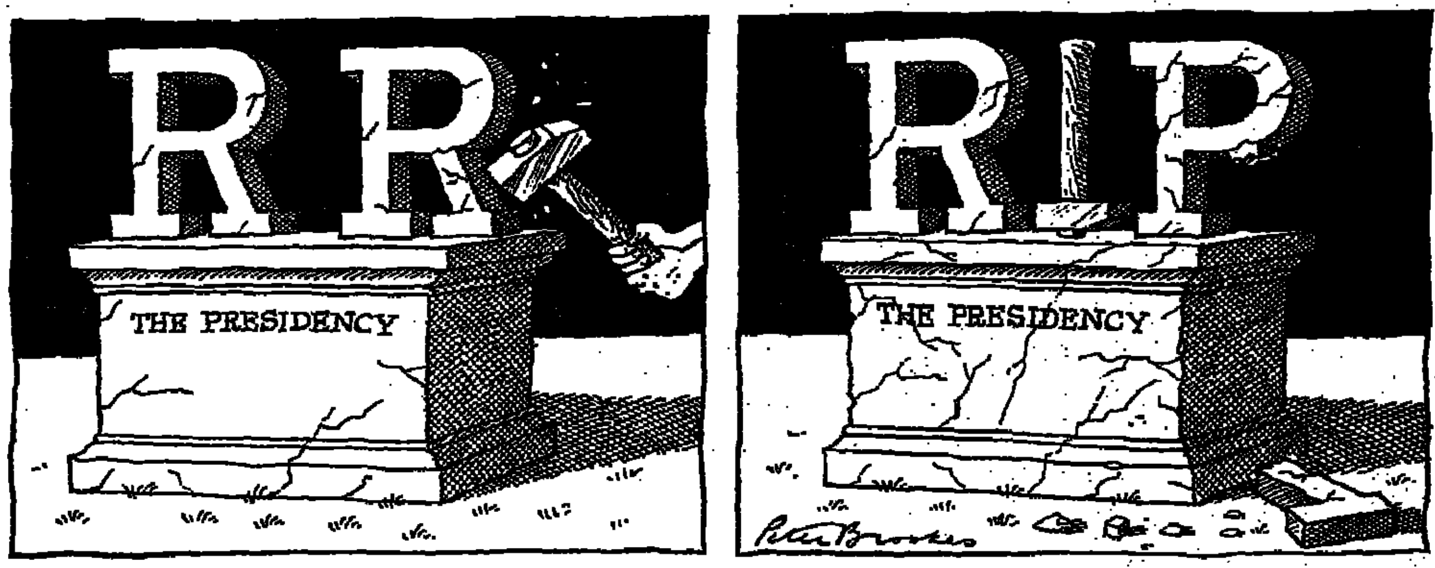


To save a president

On the most lacerating day of his career, Americans are willing Ronald Reagan to act to protect himself. But as Michael Binyon reports, the will may not be there

The indictment on the Reagan presidency is handed down today. Already a palpable sense of fear has gripped the White House, as officials and even the president himself brace themselves for the worst. After the torrent of *leaks and revelations*, no one doubts that the Tower report on the Iran affair will be one of the most searing exposures of incompetence and wrong-doing that any administration has had to endure. Already commentators are likening it to a secular Judgement Day.

The worst of it is that President Reagan, who will introduce the three-man panel's press conference, will have to thank the *team he appointed, for doing a job* more thoroughly than he could possibly have wanted. His lieutenants have been exposed as either hare-brained fools or duplicitous knaves. His foreign policy-making apparatus has been comprehensively shown up as a shambles, with the principles enunciated on the ground floor subverted by the plots hatched in the basement. His White House has been bared as a chaos of intrigue and scheming. And the president's only defence against personal wrong-doing is that his grip on his government was so weak that he had no idea what was going on in his name.

It is a melancholy moment in a presidency that for six years had mesmerized the country. The big question now is, can he recover and rescue his term's last two years? *Nothing would be more* welcome to the European allies, to the American people, to even the Democrats. But there are at least four interrelated factors that make *for a gloomy prognosis. They are:* the protracted legal investigations that have only just begun; the demoralization of the White House; the continued contradictions and bickering over foreign policy; and the questionable resolve of the president himself to get to grips with the crisis.

The legal process is perhaps the greatest obstacle. The Tower Commission, after all, is only the first of several investigations. The special Senate Investigating Committee and the almost identical House of Representatives equivalent have not begun their work yet, and will be holding hearings for most of this year. The internal White House inquiry by David Abshire, the president's special adviser on Iran, is under way. And the potentially criminal investiga*tion by Lawrence Walsh, the* Watergate-style special prosecutor, is now assembling evidence and questioning witnesses.

A distinguished European ambassador, with a touch of despair in his voice, recently asked a meeting of American congressmen and journalists why the country had become fixated on Iran, when there was so much else *to do. The Americans' answer was* that, unlike Europe, with its long history, tradition and sense of identity to guide it, America has only the law as its foundation and guiding principle. Once an administration broke the law, the body politic had to go on to the bitter end, whatever the cost, to redress the wrong.

Furthermore, unlike European parliamentary systems where a prime minister can be called before parliament or even outvoted if the government falls apart, no such mechanism exists here. The press therefore fulfils the function — protected by the constitution — of calling the president to account.

The US press is now doing that over Iran, but is not stopping there. As one White House journalist remarked: "Iran is just a metaphor for all the foreign policy mismanagement that has come before." And of course the media, though conscious of the American people's reluctance to destroy yet another president, takes — and profits from — the duty of investigating the affair with exhaustive seriousness. Indeed *Caspar Weinberger, the Defence* Secretary, said yesterday there was no single action the president could take, no hiring or firing anyone, that would make any difference. "I think it will go on and on until it plays out."

Second of the related factors is the crisis within the White House. This is blamed largely on Donald Regan, the most un*popular chief of staff to hold office* in a generation. His arrogance and self-aggrandisement at the expense of others, his clinging to office despite calls to go from Congress, *the Republican Party and the pres*ident's own wife and friends, have aggravated the difficulty of finding good people to fill the slots left empty by the stampede out of the White House. The concentration for so long of so much power in Regan's hands has left the president dangerously isolated. Regan's dismissal of most of the competent staff from Reagan's first *term and the replacement with* yes-men — "mice" as they are disparagingly called — has left the seat of government denuded of fine minds, originality and courage to set out for the president the hard options.

In such a situation, the Iran crisis led first to an attempt, on Regan's orders, to cover the president's tracks, then to a scurrying for cover by those involved as the crisis deepened, and finally to a cover-up. And that, as Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger warned from bitter experience three months ago, is the most damaging of all. "It is essential that everything that is going to come out come out now," Kissinger said in November. "Because it will come out in the end."

How right he was. The com*puter tapes are now revealing not* only the depths of deception to which Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North and Admiral John Poindexter went to bamboozle Con*gress, the State Department and* even senior cabinet members in planning their gung-ho initiatives on Iran, Libya, the Contras and kidnapping terrorists, but the reports of North shredding tapes and his secretary altering memos take the country back to the darkest days of Watergate.

Third, the continued disarray over the very policies that led to the scandal — the Middle East, dealing with terrorism, Central America — shows no sign of ending. Indeed the foreign policy muddle has been worsened by a new round of squabbling over arms control, which has again pitted the two senior officials least affected by Iran — George Shultz and Caspar Weinberger — against each other, and brought the bewildered allies into the argument.

Even with the appointment of an experienced and able National Security Adviser, Frank Carlucci, the administration has suffered a credibility blow in its foreign policy that is difficult now to repair. Not only has the Iran affair thrown a shadow over past actions and policies, it is blighting attempts now to get talks going in the Middle East, to co-ordinate with West Europeans action against terrorists, and to rally support at home and abroad for the Contra cause in Nicaragua.

And finally, and perhaps most sadly, the president's own strength and willingness to save the achievements of the first six years in called into question by his paralysis. The entire country wants him to lead it out of this crisis. The Democrats, by and large, have shown great responsibility in trying to help him recover balance. The average *American still holds the president* in high regard, and is willing to forgive him. Dignity and meaning could return to the White House, if only the president would act.

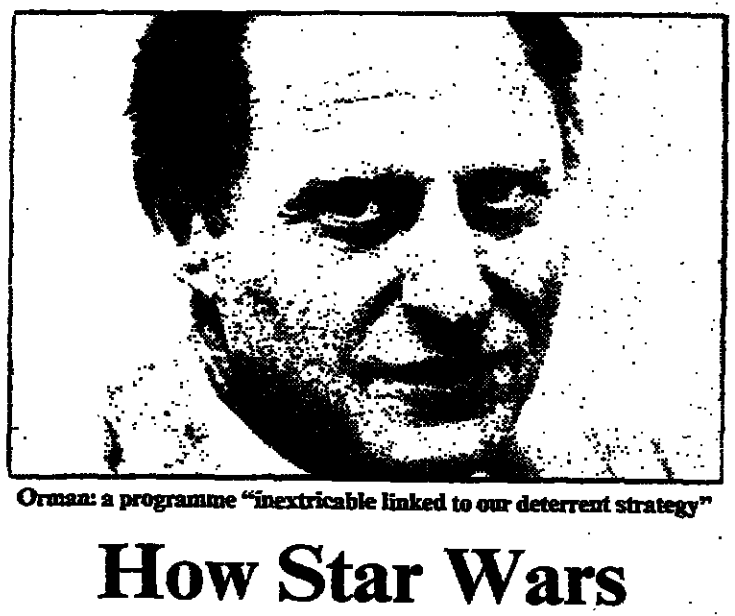
But he shows no signs of acting. He has been deeply hurt, and has retreated into himself and his family sanctum. Of course, his prostate operation came at the worst moment, and his enforced rest — at the insistence of his wife — has added to the impression of isolation and *detachment*.

Reagan seems unable to summon up the determination to overcome the crisis. The actor in him lived by applause, and once that stopped he lost his lines and direction. He still has not admitted that the entire policy was wrong. He has not comprehended the sudden turn-around in his fortunes, and instead of using his State of the Nation address to give a vigorous new lead, he relied on old, successful slogans, on cheerlines that now evoke no echo. And his long refusal to sack Regan and others who let him down has led to the ludicrous spectacle in the past *week of his wife, through press* leaks, throwing down a public challenge to him. As one congressman said in a speech: "How can we trust the president to deal with *the Soviets when he cannot even* settle a dispute between his wife and his chief of staff?"

Reagan's old friends and top advisers have told him, very firmly, that this is now his last chance. He must respond, vigorously, decisively and swiftly, to *the Tower report. He knows it will* be embarrassing and humiliating. He must make hard choices, in people, policy and priorities. He must, above all, end the at*mosphere of drift, and stop the* slow drip-drip of the Iranian water-torture. There will be little accomplished, otherwise, in the next two years.

Michael Evans and Andrew McEwen on why SDI began in the Sixties

How Star Wars started for Britain — 25 years ago



Orman: a programme "inextricable linked to our deterrent strategy"

In the furore on both sides of the Atlantic on whether Strategic Defence Initiative experiments would run foul of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missiles Treaty, an essential fact has been overlooked. Britain is already committed, for its own national defence requirements, to much of the research that could spawn a Star Wars defence system.

George Younger, the Defence Secretary, has recently given the *impression that the outcome of* Washington's debate could affect Britain's commitment to SDI research. But his own department is running a large-scale operation costing tens or even hundreds of millions of pounds — the amount is kept secret — on research into Star Wars technology. As the Government's head of Star Wars research points out, the whole programme is inextricably linked to Britain's deterrent strategy.

*Dr Stanley Orman, director-*general of the SDI Participation Office, says that, since Britain deployed Polaris 25 years ago, government scientists have been working (on anti-missile defences among other things) to ensure that our nuclear deterrent could penetrate any defence shield the Soviet Union might deploy. It was only in 1983 that this research was given an umbrella name, when President Reagan announced SDI.

Britain's research in this area, which will continue even if the US *never deploys a Star Wars system,* has led to the £1 billion Chevaline update of Polaris, which includes decoys to outfox improved Soviet defence radars. It is now rec*ognized that the Galosh ABM* system around Moscow has a much larger "footprint" than previously thought and that its shield could protect Leningrad and other *vital parts of the Soviet Union.*

The same crystal-ball-gazing is needed for Trident, which may face Soviet space-based defences. "It's only by being involved in this research that we can have information to know whether improvements in Russia's ABM will reduce Trident's effectiveness." Dr Orman said.

Five of Britain's seven defence research centres, including Aldermaston, are involved in anti-missile projects. When asked whether the cost of Britain's domestic programme was more or *less than the $200 million a* year that Orman hopes will come our way from the American SDI project, he replied : "We don't even give Parliament that figure." *It is buried in the £2.3 billion* Ministry of Defence research and development budget.

Last year Britain's total participation in the American Star Wars programme was $34 million. But for the funding cut demanded by the US Congress, Orman had expected an annual rate of more than $100 million *this year. Contracts already* under way in Britain involve eight companies and are worth $1.9 million. British universities have already picked up research *awards worth $3 million.*

But of far greater interest is a $9.9 million government-to-government deal under which British scientists are carrying out a 22-month evaluation of the potential for European protection under the SDI umbrella. Orman emphasized that the aim was to extend SDI to *cover Europe, not to build* a European stand-alone sub-system.

The goal of this particular study, set by a Letter of Acceptance signed last June, is to define the *"architecture" of a Star Wars* system in the European theatre. "We need to know," said Orman, "how to incorporate Europe's defence against short-range missiles, planes and cruise missiles into a global SDI system."

He said a first-phase SDI, which could be deployed within 10 years of a decision, would not protect Europe, but be a space-based early-warning system. However, in the longer term, there was no reason why Europe should not be protected by laser weapons in space against bombers, cruise missiles or short-range missiles.

At present, after two successful experiments, the Americans are getting excited about the prospects *of early deployment of a kinetic* energy system, which involves firing missile bullets from a space platform. The " kinetic kill" weapon was a feasible propo*sition, Orman said, since it* was based on existing technology, although it would require a massive launch capability and breach the ABM treaty. If deployed it would involve a layer of space "gunships", orbiting about 200 miles above the earth and passing *regularly over the Soviet Union.*

The ultimate long-term system, which would involve much more exotic weapons using directed laser energy, would take three decades to develop. But, said Orman: "This not a fanciful, cloud cuckoo land idea because it does *not go beyond known physical* principles. There has been disproportionate attention paid to the vociferous minority of scientists who say that it won't work. A lot of scientists are incredible experts in narrow areas. They find it difficult to take the blinkers off and look at the wider concepts."

Many critics claim that SDI is by its very nature destabilizing, but this is dismissed by Orman. Development would take so long *and would go through so many* phases that Soviet scientists would have time enough to work out counter measures. It was all part of the "nuclear game", in which each *side took steps to sustain the* credibility of its deterrent.

Orman said: "I don't believe it's destabilizing because no single country could erect a total SDI barrier in a short period. I'm talking about decades. Before one side produced a highly effective system — and I don't mean an impenetrable barrier — the other side would have time to partially catch up. If you could say that in *two or three years time you could* put up a total defence, that would be destabilizing. But that's an impossibility."

Whether we view Star Wars *research as a "prudent hedge" to* keep our deterrent credible, or as the basis for a new concept of defence, the work now under way is not going to be abandoned just because *of political sensitivities* over the "correct interpretation" of the ABM treaty.

Ronald Butt

Abortion bare of illusion

Beyond the legal and medical *argument* about what "capable of being born alive" should mean, beyond even the heated discussion about the rights of a father when an abortion is intended, one fact *stands out clearly as result of the* unhappy case which has been heard in the courts this week. In the public consciousness, the foetus has become a baby again. Sooner or later truth has a way of reasserting itself and rejecting the *camouflage of euphemism.*

In the matter of abortion it is a very old truth. Until the Sixties, 2,000 years of moral tradition had declared as firmly against the destruction of an unborn life (in any but the most exceptional circumstances) as it had against infanticide. Children conceived were children to be born, and for the most part people conducted, or tried to conduct, their lives accordingly. It must be hard for the young to understand this, or the extent to which abortion was regarded as a rare and devastating moral catastrophe.

David Steel's abortion bill of 1967 wrought a revolution in attitudes. Every effort was made to camouflage the ugly word abortion with the euphemism "termination of pregnancy", and both the grave ethical dilemma, and what the business of destroying a foetus entails, were smoothed away as a simple clinical and medical procedure. Nothing outrages the abortion extremists more than the films produced by their opponents showing what an abortion entails.

The 1967 bill made abortion legal if two medical practioners affirmed that continuing the pregnancy would involve risk to the mother's life, injury to her physical or mental health, or the risk of a child born seriously handicapped. Except in strict Roman Catholic doctrine, allowing an abortion where a mother's life or health was genuinely at risk was not contentious. It was the "mental health" provision which opened the floodgates.

It increasingly became the enlightened orthodoxy that if a woman considers she needs an abortion then she needs it. An assumption was created that although abortion was not to be desired, there was nothing morally wrong with it if a woman conceived an unwanted child. It became the long-stop to contraception offered by the permissive society. That abortion is so easily *available legally has affected con*duct and there have since been more than two million abortions, most of which would not have taken place illegally before the Act.

Deliberately to abort an unborn child is to destroy a unique being. The question is not about abortions to save the mother's life or health, but those that are available *virtually on demand, which it was* specifically promised in 1967 would not happen.

The old restraints that once governed conduct have been dismantled and new conventions created, which begin with the way in which children are taught about sex. Chastity is not to be taught because that is moralizing; contraception is better than abortion, but in the end abortion is far better than an unwanted child. It has been morally respectable, if regrettable, for life to be conceived only to be destroyed within 28 weeks.

The case is cautiously advanced that 28 weeks should be reduced to 24. But this does not touch the principle of the matter. If it is hard to make a moral distinction between the abortion of a viable child and infanticide, it must follow that it is not easy to make a distinction between the abortion of a viable child and an earlier one to prevent *the foetus reaching the threshold* of viability. It is still the destruction of a human life.

All this has come about by the insistence on the rights of women and the denial of rights in this matter to the foetus, and now as we see to the father. The foetus has rights only if it is lucky enough to escape until squeamishness makes its destruction upsetting to us; the father has duties if the child is born, but beforehand can speak neither for himself nor the child. He can only accept, if it is insisted *on, the destruction* of his child.

Given the general easiness of abortion allowed by the present law, it is hard to think it possible to draft an equitable provision *giving an unmarried father* the right to insist that his child be born. But this week's judgment has also made it clear that even in marriage there is no protection for the father who wishes to speak for the life of his child, if his wife insists that the child must be aborted. *That cannot be right* or acceptable by a society which believes that that the love of a father for his children is important for their well-being.

But underlying it all is the right of the child to live and the dishonest sophistry which says that, provided an unborn baby can be aborted before it is viable, it is not capable of being born alive.

I am sceptical about what can be *done at this stage by amending* the law fundamentally, apart from reducing the age of the unborn child at which abortion is permitted. But I am not sceptical about changing the climate of opinion. There are clear signs of changing attitudes among more thoughtful young people about abortion and the rest of the permissive society's legacy, and they will be the opinion-formers of tomorrow.

There is a new understanding of the price to be paid for the illusion of freedom they have been offered, in which there is neither honour nor happiness. The shrill and self-pitying demand for women's rights at the expense of all others seems increasingly unattractive, as does the smooth-tongued "counselling" of the abortion agencies. The refusal of the abortion *extremists even to concede that* abortion is a moral question is increasingly repellent after the public debate raised by this week's case. What has happened may not *point to easy legal remedies, but I* do not think that moral attitudes will be the same after it.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Courier of death haunts minister

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary for Social Services, rose yesterday to make a statement about cancer screening and Aids research.

A statement from Mr Fowler is the traditional cue for a ghostly appearance in the chamber by the Messenger of Death: Mr Michael Meacher, the chief Opposition spokesman on Social Services.

As in the work of Boris Karloff *or the Hammer studio, the plot of* a Meacher production is always the same. The Secretary for Social Services arrives in this big, neo-Gothic building — all turrets and gloomy corridors — to make the statement. Offering him an ironic welcome from a bench opposite is *this gaunt, creepy figure wrapped* in a folder full of terrifying statistics. It's Meacher!

Too late! The Secretary for Social Services is trapped. He has to make his statement. In yesterday's version, Mr Fowler said such things as: "The Government attaches particular importance to reducing deaths from breast cancer and cervical cancer .. We are determined that breast cancer screening should be implemented as efficiently, as effectively and as quickly as possible .. back-up facilities .. four new centres . . .

"Turning to Aids .. new directed research programme .. increase of grant-in-aid to the Medical Research Council by £14 million in the next three years . . ."

He sits down. Whereupon, there is a stirring from that sinister *figure on the bench opposite.* He rises. The statistics start moving towards the Secretary of State. Meacher is alive! But his presence signifies death for others.

"This is a grossly inadequate response to the Forrest Report," he said yesterday. And with grim relish he added: "Five thousand women have died of breast cancer while the Government has been sitting on this report since last year."

We accept that Meacher performances are unconvincing. But it is *absurd for sophisticates to point* out to us addicts of this artist that nobody in real life behaves like that. The whole point of him is that he is supposed to come from the spirit world. We unashamed, low-brow social services fans go to his shows for the delicious *frisson* of terror he gives us.

On Aids, he said the Opposition welcomed the increase in spending on research. But then, a skinny finger pointing horribly, he added: "But even with this new input, it is far, far less than other countries are allocating." (An unappreciative Tory: "Here comes the whingeing.")

Mr Meacher added that the Americans were at present spending $340 million (£215 million) on Aids. The natural response of some of us to this was: "Of course they are! They invented Aids!" But Aids seemed to be regarded by Mr Meacher as just another symptom of Thatcherism. His contribution was much appreciated on the Labour back benches. The Labour leadership are probably uneasy. They are always trying to dictate our entertainment. Doubtless attem*pts will in the end be made to put* Meacher performances on late at night when younger, easily-influenced MPs are unlikely to be watching. Either that, or he will eventually be allowed to speak in the chamber only with a red triangle on one trouser. But long may be continue to terrify us.

Returning to Aids, the word *from Mr Fowler was that* there was still no cure or vaccine. "It is for that reason that the Government has mounted its major public education campaign." This suggested that Mr Fowler was satisfied with those much-mocked television advertisements. A minority believe that they *have* been effective. The message of the one showing a high-powered drill engrave the word Aids on a black surface amid flying bits of marble was particularly clear: tombstone craftsmen should always wear goggles. Likewise the one dominated by icebergs was a timely reminder to anyone rash enough to sail on a refloated *Titanic.* About the effect of the advertisements on the public understanding of Aids, there is room for legitimate disagreement.

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PAYMENT FOR PROFESSIONALS

Today's lobby of Parliament by teachers in England and Wales has an awful inevitability about it. The Bill they will be protesting against, which returns to the Commons almost unscathed from the Lords, is the Government's only possible response to nearly three years of disruption in the classroom, not to mention the protracted nonsense at the negotiating table. Yet the Bill temporarily deprives nearly half a million employees of their trade union negotiating rights. It thus adds another real grievance to those which teachers still have about their pay and, therefore, their status in this society.

That remains at the heart of their dispute. Even after the 25 per cent rise over two years which teachers will have had by October this year, theirs will be a poorly rewarded profession in relation to the value we ought to place on a high quality education for our children. The quality is undoubtedly not as high as it should be, but the plain fact is that it will not be until teachers feel they can hold their heads up in the company of other equally well educated, hard working and dedicated professionals.

There is significant recognition of that in the ground rules Mr Baker has laid down for his 20 new City Technology Colleges, the first of which was announced on Tuesday with the generous assistance of the Hanson Trust. The colleges will be encouraged to pay teachers over the odds so as to attract those they will need to become centres of excellence.

How revealing that is. Each CTC is to serve precisely those hard-pressed inner-city areas where schools at present find it hardest to recruit, retain and motivate (Sir Keith Joseph's words) the kind of teachers who alone can deliver the education to which every child is surely entitled. That is why almost the entire educational establishment has aligned itself against the CTCs.

By paying over the odds they are likely to cream off the two scarcest resources of the neighbouring schools: good teachers and the well-motivated children of ambitious parents. If higher pay is to be sauce for the CTCs, why not also for the schools which cater for the other 99.5 per cent of the pupils who are in the state system?

Another lesson that might usefully be drawn from the CTCs (which, incidentally, Mr Baker once described as prototypes for the entire state system) is the financial involvement of business and industry. It is long overdue. Indeed it is almost incredible that company chairmen have been allowed to complain for so long about the inadequacies of state schools without lifting a finger to help. The commitment of a handful of companies like ICI and BP have been shining exceptions.

At best, Mr Baker's Bill has bought a temporary respite. Bar another round of half-day strikes, aimed principally at the loss of negotiating rights, most teachers will probably come to accept that they have won as much as they are likely to for the time being. Those who do not will destroy the public sympathy they are going to need in the future.

Mr Baker must now move quickly to work out with the unions and the local education authorities the negotiating structure that will replace the unsatisfactory — and temporary — consultative arrangements which the Bill introduces. Devising the new structure will not be easy. It must be credible to the unions without allowing the divisions between them to paralyse the system as they have in the past.

In the end it is for the Government to decide what the country can afford. But the teachers and their employers must be able to negotiate with each other up to that point and to feel that together they can influence the Government's judgement of how much is tolerable.

No one must be allowed to assume, however, least of all the Government, that the teachers' pay problem has been solved or that the link between their perception of their status and the quality of education they deliver can ever be broken. All the despairing (and accurate) comparisons that are now so regularly drawn between educational standards in this country and those of our industrial competitors are worthless if they do not compare teachers' pay and status as well.

In the longer term, teachers too will have to face up to the differential pay argument which the Government is currently placing on the national agenda. Indeed, Mr Kenneth Clarke drew their attention to it recently when he asked, rather more pointedly than rhetorically, why a music teacher in Inverness should be paid the same as a maths teacher in Surrey.

How to enable the mechanism of the market to operate in a monopoly is a notorious economic conundrum; allowing hard-pressed schools to pay teachers more in shortage subjects such as maths and physics clearly is not. It would be a start and, interestingly, it is provided for in a little-noticed clause of the Baker Bill.

It will remain little noticed and little used, however, so long as the more that is offered to some appears to come out of the pockets of the rest. It is time to break the cycle of inevitability.

A REGRETFUL FAREWELL

The regret with which Nato has accepted President Reagan's decision to replace General Bernard Rogers as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (Saceur) will be widely echoed. That General Rogers should leave an exhausting post at the age of 65 is not in itself surprising. But he had already made clear his own preference to remain for two more years at least, and Lord Carrington as Secretary-General, recently expressed the European view that he could stay there for a further 35.

To withdraw him amid so much mutual goodwill might seem to be capricious. Is it also unwise?

The decision was not wholly unexpected. During his eight years at Shape, General Rogers has shown himself ready to criticize the policies of his own government as well as those of any other. A former Rhodes scholar, toughened by war experience in Korea and Vietnam, he brought to Nato an intellectual sharpness and independence of mind that must have won him enemies as well as friends on both sides of the Atlantic.

He most recently rounded on Washington for its espousal of the so-called "zero option" which would remove intermediate-range nuclear weapons from Europe altogether. But he also upset a number of politicians in Europe by the part he played in organizing last year's air raid on Libya — in his capacity as commander of United States forces over here. He has also been outspoken about what he saw as the half-hearted commitment of some European powers to the Alliance.

But if there is one cause with which his tenure of office will be particularly associated it is the need to keep the nuclear threshold high by strengthening conventional forces. At a time when most Nato members were falling short of their promise to maintain an annual three per cent increase in defence spending, he was urging them to spend at least four per cent — to invest in advanced defence technologies and new tactics to go with them.

It is said that Washington perceives the need to change Saceur from time to time, if only because prolonged domicile in Europe makes its generals become too European. But it is after all with the Europeans that Saceur mostly has to deal — and Bernard Rogers has never fallen into the trap of siding with them in internal Nato disputes. Nor does the official argument, that a new man had to be appointed well before the next presidential election, sound convincing. Despite vigorous denials from the White House, it would seem that General Rogers may finally have trodden on one corn too many.

After serving in the post for longer than most of his predecessors, he now has the privilege of being able to retire gracefully while still at the top of his profession. But he will be missed in a job which demands sound military judgement tempered by political understanding — a chemistry rarely found in nature. Few generals have ever been so approachable — and if his successor is at least half as effective the alliance will have been well served by the Pentagon.

HONOURING ENGLISH MARTYRS

When, in 1970, Pope Paul VI announced his intention to canonize 40 heroes of the Roman Catholic resistance to the Protestant Reformation in England during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Lord Ramsey — then Archbishop of Canterbury — was known to have deep misgivings about the effect of this decision on the fortunes of ecumenism. After all, these Saints were, according to the historic Anglican view, traitors to their country and the Royal Supremacy.

These anxieties, however, were promptly dissipated by a generous pronouncement from the Pope. He trusted that these canonizations might "contribute to the promotion of true ecumenism and the efficacious protection of true values on which rest the real peace and prosperity of human society".

Now Pope John Paul II has announced that next November 85 English subjects martyred during the same period are to be beatified, the state immediately below canonization. Both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster have wasted no time in issuing reconciling statements designed to anticipate any stirring up of historic enmities.

The theory now accepted by leaders in both the Roman and the Anglican Church is that it is eminently possible and desirable to pay the highest tribute to Christian martyrs without reviling the spiritual heirs of those who martyred them. Canonization and beatification are the rewards of those who, with outstanding courage and fidelity, have served the Church in obedience to conscience, and the commemoration of martyrs, according to the prevailing view, is an occasion for the Christian churches to repent their respective contributions to religious fratricide.

These irenic sentiments are not to be dismissed as superficial benevolence; they are soundly grounded on theology. Nowadays, they are almost certainly shared by a substantial majority of practising Christians in Britain, though the beatifications may evoke some ativistic feelings in the strongholds of Protestant fundamentalism and among old-fashioned Roman Catholics.

Is this general disposition in favour of letting bygones be bygones a mark of apathy? Was religious life more invigorating (as it certainly was more colourful) when it was more violent? There may be something to be said for that view, though it is oftener to be found among the extramural admirers of Christianity than among churchgoers.

The Christian conscience, however, demands something more than a taste for theological controversy. The proper outlet for Christian pugnacity is now surely the task of combating the heresies of a secularised and highly materialistic society. That is a task which should unite, not divide, Christians. In taking it up, they will surely be fortified by the examples of Christian martyrs of all denominations.

A large proportion of those who are to be beatified in November were laymen; but there is no reason for seeing in that any significant shift in Vatican policy. It was largely to laymen that the Roman Catholic church owed its survival in post-Reformation England.

Today, the Roman church, like other churches is increasingly dependent on the work of the laity, if only because of the shortage of priestly manpower. Laymen and laywomen who increasingly offer their services to the church must surely derive some encouragement from being reminded of predecessors whose service had perforce to take a more dramatic form.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Limits on air accident damages

From Mr Peter Martin

Sir, Nothing could have demonstrated more perfectly the lamentably low level of damages available to the air traveller or his family in the event of injury or death in an aircraft accident than the award of £850,000 to Mr Graham Cook reported on the same day (February 21) as your holiday insurance feature.

Had Mr Cook suffered his appalling injuries in an aircraft accident, unless they had been caused by the (difficult to prove) intentional or reckless misconduct of the carrier he might have received only £13,633.40 or, if the airline had made a so-called "special contract", approximately £50,000.

If a manufacturer had by chance been at fault then he might have received more but not without a fight here or, more likely, in the United States if the aircraft had been made there. The differences are startling to the stranger to the issues and deeply disturbing to practitioners in this field of the law — whichever side they are customarily on.

It is these low levels of damages under the Warsaw Convention system which, more than anything else, provoke litigation in the United States in aviation cases. Such litigation is costly, time-consuming, wasteful of human resources and, finally, unnecessary. Whether it does no more than put money into the pockets of what Winston Churchill, MP, recently described as "gilded lawyers" is another matter, not without relevance now that English solicitors may share contingent fees with their US colleagues in this kind of case.

It is long past time that the International Civil Aviation Organisation, the International Air Transport Association and others promoted a new convention. Perhaps, now that British Airways is privatised, it could take a lead in advancing a cause for which much of the groundwork has been done by the International Law Association, academics and various trade associations; the drafts already prepared provide for immediate payment of unlimited damages to victims, with disposal of inter-defendant disputes later.

To pick up your holiday insurance point, travellers would be wise to take out personal accident insurance for very much more than the modest sums available in the packages you list.

ICAO and IATA should also promote a further convention to torpedo the Home Secretary's proposal to fine airlines which import "bogus" refugees. The control of emigration and immigration is a matter for states, not airlines, at least not in the absence of fraud on their part. The airlines could better protect themselves by taking security against the contractual indemnity for the costs of enforced repatriation they already have in their conditions of business but, inevitably, they would resist any such suggestion.

They should not be made responsible for the failures of states in this field any more than they should be made financially responsible for the consequences of hijacking or terrorism over which they have no control.

Yours truly,
PETER MARTIN,
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February 22.

Aerospace concern

From the Director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies, Ltd

Sir, Your recent articles (February 16-19) on research and development and, in particular, your leader (February 19) were well received by those who work in this country's aerospace industry.

Your readers may wonder how it is that when Britain's manufacturing industries have declined so dramatically over the last two decades the aerospace industry has, in the last 10 years, been able to double both its turnover and exports in real terms without significantly reducing its labour force.

Last year's aerospace exports were a record £4.74billion, 12 per cent better than the previous year, and exceeded imports by very nearly £2billion. Today we have orders on our books valued at £8billion, 60 per cent of these from overseas.

The fact is that the aerospace industry has not only maintained its competitive edge, it has increased it over the years. Since the mid-1960s it has made significant inroads into the increasingly competitive overseas markets. Our present competitiveness is due very largely to the handsome investment, particularly in R and D, made in the industry in the past. Unless we continue to make this investment our competitive edge will inevitably be eroded and like other industries aerospace, too, will go into decline.

Three years ago, when the industry submitted evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on Overseas Trade, we highlighted our concern that the levels of R and D investment were being eroded. For instance, Government research establishments are being starved of high-quality people and cash.

We are similarly concerned at the lack of engineering graduates being produced by our universities and polytechnics. Japan turns out 10 times as many engineering graduates as we do each year and yet they still say that their electronics industry is being hampered for lack of electronic engineers!

Your newspaper is to be congratulated on highlighting these matters. We in Britain ignore them at our peril.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CURTISS, Director,
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February 20.

Mozambique crisis

From Lord Michael Cecil

Sir, Paul Vallely writes, in his article of February 23 on Mozambican slave-labour camps, of imminent famine disaster in the country and further suggests that Renamo does not have the support of the local people. Having recently returned from a 1,200-kilometre journey on foot through rebel-held territory I would like to put a different view.

First, throughout my journey it was clear that Renamo was well and willingly supported by the people.

Secondly, in those areas controlled by Renamo the land is widely and successfully cultivated, producing cassava, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, citrus fruits, and other crops in abundance.

Thirdly, I would like to comment, as a former soldier, on the widely-held view that Renamo is well supported by South Africa. Apart from everyday contact with rebel soldiers, I observed a three-day assault on a district capital by Renamo forces. Barefoot and dressed in rags, they were poorly trained and lightly equipped with elderly Eastern bloc weapons. They bear no comparison with the South African-backed forces of Unita in Angola.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CECIL,
Prospect Films Ltd,
2 Swan Walk, SW3.

From the Director of the United Nations Association

Sir, Your leading article, "Propping up the front line" (February 18), chooses totally to ignore the background and realities of the war being fought in Mozambique between government forces and Renamo.

Renamo — your "rag-tag anti-communist guerrilla movement" — was created as a counter-insurgency force by the Smith regime in Rhodesia which saw as imperative the destabilization of Mozambique for its according shelter to the Patriotic Front and its enforcing of UN sanctions through the closure of the Beira railway during the years of struggle prior to the birth of Zimbabwe.

Subsequently the South African Government became the major patron of Renamo, expanding and developing its capability and working in alliance with the maverick President of Malawi to continue the destabilization process as a result of the African National Congress presence in Mozambique.

The Nkomati Accord was designed to cement the practical relationship between Mozambique and South Africa. Despite severe misgivings about such an arrangement it was in the interests of both parties to reach some form of accommodation.

In return for refusing a continuing presence in Mozambique to the ANC, South Africa undertook not to render any further assistance to Renamo. Since then there has been no evidence that Mozambique has reneged on its obligations and plenty that South Africa has — including one admission by South Africa to this effect.

You argue that the Government of Mozambique should discuss peace terms with Renamo. Would it not have been better by far for you to have exposed the fact that Renamo is little more than a front for South Africa's destabilization policy (being executed in defiance of international law and of the UN Charter to which South Africa is a party) and that without this patronage Renamo would almost certainly collapse?

Global pressure on South Africa to abide by the terms of the Nkomati Accord should be the policy for all of us to advocate as the most effective way of ending the war in Mozambique.

Yours sincerely,
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3 Whitehall Court, SW1.

Precepts of Islam

From Dr E. H. Reynolds

Sir, In your editorial on the precepts of Islam (February 16) you manage to discuss the present terrible plight of the Palestinians in Beirut without even mentioning how they came to be in the camps in the first place and the role of the West in their tragic story. You then suggest that the West should mobilise its moral resources to point out to the Islamic world that it is violating its precepts of justice, compassion, and human solidarity under God!

Is this to be the twentieth-century equivalent of a Crusade? Most believers of all faiths condemn what is happening now in the Palestinian camps as they condemned the earlier massacre by the Israeli-backed Christian militia, which you also overlook. Your analysis is not balanced and your advice sanctimonious.

Yours faithfully,
E. H. REYNOLDS,
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February 22.

Library service constraints

From the City Librarian of Birmingham

Sir, It is infuriating for us public librarians to be told to shake off our "staid image" and show more enterprise (report, February 20). We are desperately trying to keep basic services running with ever-diminishing funds. Our book stocks grow shabbier and more inadequate as each year passes. Mostly this is not the fault of the local authority, which is having to cope with massive reductions in rate-support grant.

Let the critics look a bit more closely at what many of us are doing, despite lack of money. In Birmingham Central Library we offer, as a matter of course, books, records, cassettes, videos (soon) and 100 exhibitions a year. This you might expect, but we also provide comprehensive services to commerce and industry. (Business-related enquiries amount to 3,500 every week).

The superb collections of antiquarian books we hold offer substantial aid to scholars worldwide.

The central library has, too, a thriving library shop; we produce and sell scores of our own publications, let out exhibition rooms, a lecture theatre and offer a wide range of computer services on a cost-recovery basis.

The idea that there is a hitherto untapped pot of gold to be garnered in through partnership with the private sector is largely a chimera.

Our public library service has been the envy of the world, and is in very real danger. We are losing the ability to act as a civilising aspect of life and one which is enjoyed by nearly half the population.

Yours truly,
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Fields for scope

From the President of the National Farmers' Union

Sir, Two letters in *The Times* today (February 20) accuse the National Farmers' Union of a negative attitude. This is not a criticism which I can accept.

Public expenditure on agriculture must be controlled; this means reducing surplus production and we have consistently advocated various ways in which this could be done. For cereals, for example, our plan for a compulsory European set-aside would reduce surplus production far more quickly and decisively than anything proposed by Government.

The real cause of the concern, so strongly expressed at our AGM last week, is that we now see such a lot of public money spent to so little good effect. As taxpayer support has soared, farm incomes in the UK have plummeted. Is it surprising that, faced by Commission proposals that would further erode farm incomes by some £250million, our members called for a clear commitment by the minister to get rid of the crippling 25 per cent competitive disadvantage that we now suffer from the Green Pound gap?

The NFU welcomes the extension of "environmentally sensitive areas" and the proposals on farm woodland, although here the Government could have been far more ambitious. On the other hand the relaxation of planning controls does cause us concern. Haphazard development may benefit the individual landowner, but can cause severe problems to surrounding farms and particularly threaten tenants, who can be evicted with very inadequate compensation by landlords who have planning consent.

I am fully aware that farmers must rationalise, change and adapt and have said so repeatedly. The countryside package is to be welcomed in that light; but it will not provide the answer to the very serious income problems facing farmers.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON GOURLAY, President,
The National Farmers' Union,
Agriculture House,
Knightsbridge, SW1.
February 20.

Baa, baa, bah!

From the Headmaster of St Martin's School, Northwood

Sir, I fully endorse the humanitarian stand taken by Islington Council against the humming of "Baa Baa Black Sheep" by a five-year-old handicapped child, which was mentioned in a newspaper article last week (not yours).

Not only is this a perniciously racist rhyme, but sheep-shearing must surely offend all animal rights lovers; the use of the word "Sir" suggests rampant class-distinction; and as for the little boy down the lane getting the wool — a blatant case of sexual discrimination.

Whatever are we coming to?

Yours faithfully,
J. R. S. MASH, Headmaster,
St Martin's School,
Northwood, Middlesex.
February 22.

New college?

From Mr D. R. Johnston-Jones

Sir, I wonder whether Maudling College (Education advertisement, February 23) take many pupils from Eaton (advertisement, January 29, 1986).

Yours faithfully,
DAVID R. JOHNSTON-JONES,
12 Ferry Path,
Cambridge.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 26 1915

The French farm described below was worked by elderly men and women and evacuees. Was it a coincidence that this piece appeared in the same issue as the report of a Commons debate on the use in Britain of child labour on farms?

WINTER DAYS IN PICARDY.

FARMING WITHIN SOUND OF THE GUNS.

(From a Correspondent.)
Montreuil.

They are not going to lose the harvest in Picardy, though they are ploughing within sound of the guns. One sees the teams silhouetted against the skyline at dusk, and they toil on until it is so dark that one can only distinguish the white horses. The illimitable horizons, the absence of hedges, the long furrows leave the stranger with an idea that the cultivation of the land is on too large a scale for the resources at hand. The small town where we stayed last night increased my pessimism. It was market day; the courtyard of the inn was full of carts and gigs; tables were laid in the large dining room for at least 50; but my friend and I and a solitary French Territorial officer were the only guests. The *patronne* explained that the farmers would not spend money because of the war. No, they were not poor, she said: it was thrift. On the day of the *révision* a hundred had dined at her inn.

The harvest is all right so far as a harvest can be assured in the spring. There was some anxiety at first. The railways were all taken up with the mobilization. This affected the autumn cattle sales and the farmers found they could not get rid of their beet. Labour was short, and they dare not lay in a large stock for fear of invasion. The value of the crop fell in consequence and a good deal of it was wasted. The more prudent banked up their roots carefully until there was a demand. The whole of last year's harvest was gathered without outside labour. Old men and women worked in the fields far into the night. They were three weeks late with the crop, but they got it all in.

RESTORING THE BALANCE

This year they have the *évacués*, who, here at any rate, have saved the situation. How far this migration has neutralized the dislocation of labour in other departments of France would be an interesting question. Government has lately passed an order allowing cultivators in the Territorial Army to return to their farms for sowing. This does not apply to the zone of hostilities, but here the land is all under cultivation. A larger proportion of wheat has been sown; prices are good; railway freights normal; and the farmers are doing well. The French instinct is to give expression to things, to mark any new phase through which they are passing by a corresponding change in their way of living. Our English habit is to avoid so long as we can any admission of pressure brought to bear on us, physical or otherwise. Hence our unfortunate catchword "Business as usual."

The stream from the north and the east contained many who were *réfugiés*, in the ultimate sense of the word and had already found their haven in Government almshouses. The Chartreuse and Notre Dame-des-Prés at Neuville, for instance, sheltered, in addition to its ordinary *pensionnaires*, refugees from the Hôtel Dieu of Arras and many of the poor of Maubeuge. A picturesque group these, sunning themselves in the peaceful garden of the monastery — faces which suffering has not hardened, though the struggle of life has left its dint. The friendliness and courtesy of these old folk, who seem so contented in their new refuge, hardens one's heart more than anything against the Boches. On a still morning one can hear the guns from the Chartreuse, but they no longer carry any menace to this asylum. The peacefulness of the place is impenetrable.

AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

On Friday I was at Montreuil when the Mass was held at St. Saulve for the repose of the souls of the soldiers who had fallen on the field of honour. The British officers in the town had cards of invitation issued by the Société Française de Secours aux Blessés Militaires. All honour was done to "the brave Allies" in the seats reserved for them, in the address of Monsieur l'Aumonier, and in the decoration of the catafalque, under which the Tricolor rested, with the British flag. Possibly French and English flags were blended in St. Saulve during the Crimean War: for an earlier precedent one must go back to the alliance with the Dukes of Burgoyne ...

The priests insist very strictly on the outward expression of the consciousness of the national struggle. In the porch of a neighbouring church the vicar has posted a notice in which young women are warned not to enter the *maison de Dieu* save in a *robe montante et fermée*...

Parting shot

From Mr J. A. Miller

Sir, Further to your obituary of my mother "Sagittarius" (February 11), which I have just seen, I think you should know that among her unpublished work is the following verse:

To live in *Who's Who*
        And to die in *The Times*,
To be one of the few,
        To live in *Who's Who*,
What would I not do,
        I'd commit frightful crimes,
To live in *Who's Who*
        And to die in *The Times*.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. MILLER,
44 Hamilton Terrace, NW8.
February 24.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 25: Sir John Batten had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Vernon Jewell had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

His Excellency Mr Dimitar Zhulev was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Philip Bokov (Minister Councillor), Mr Kiril Todorov (Counsellor [Commercial]), Mr Georgi Gavrilov (Counsellor), Colonel Ivan Djambov (Military, Naval and Air Attache), Dr Peter Shopov (Counsellor [Cultural Affairs]), Mr Plamen Voynovsky (First Secretary [Press]), Mr Boyko Georgiev (First Secretary [Scientific]) and Mr Alexander Pevtchev (First Secretary).

Mrs Zhuleva had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr J Lander (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Australia at Tehran) and Mrs Lander had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Lord Hamilton of Dalzell had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning chaired a meeting of the Royal Society of Arts Committee for the Environment at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this evening attended a dinner to mark the Centenary Appeal in aid of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs at Guildhall, where His Royal Highness was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir David Rowe-Ham).

Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

The Prince Edward left Gatwick Airport, London this afternoon for Barbados, where His Royal Highness will carry out engagements in connection with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, visited the Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead Campus, North Mymms, Hertfordshire today.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Principal of the College (Dr AO Betts) and the Director of the Queen Mother Hospital for Animals (Mr G Clayton-Jones).

The Queen was represented by Mr Thomas Mynors (Deputy Lieutenant for East Sussex) at the Memorial Service for Sir John Rankine (formerly Governor of the Western Region, Nigeria) which was held in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wadhurst, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this morning at a Reception given at the Imperial War Museum to launch the Society of Friends of the Museum.

Lady Jean Rankin, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 25: The Duke of Kent, Patron, this morning visited Trinity College of Music, Mandeville Place, London W1.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 25: The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at a reception given by the Building Industry Youth Trust to mark their 25th anniversary at Innholders' Hall, London.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, Patron of the British Deaf Association, will attend the premiere of *Children of a Lesser God* in aid of the association and the Variety Club of Great Britain at the Empire, Leicester Square, at 8.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Kennel Club, will visit the Metropolitan Police Dog Training Centre at Keston at 9.15; and as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will open the new Duckhams Building at Bromley, Kent, at 11.30.

Birthdays today

Lord Bridge of Harwich, 70; Mr Justice Farquharson, 59; Sir James Goldsmith, 54; Dr B.J. Greenhill, 67; Captain John Noel, 97; Mr W.R. Price, 61; Mr E.D. Weekes, 62.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr David Guthrie-James will be held in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster at noon today.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Victor Hugo, Besancon, France, 1802; William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), Scott County, Iowa, 1846.

DEATHS: Giuseppe Tartini, composer, Padua, Italy, 1770; Emile Coué, physiotherapist, Troyes, France, 1857; Sir Harry Lauder, Strathaven, Strathclyde, 1950; Levi Eshkol, prime minister of Israel 1963-69, Jerusalem, 1969.

The troopship Birkenhead sank off Simon's Bay, South Africa, with a loss of 454 lives, 1852.

Buckingham Palace luncheon

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh held a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace yesterday when the guests were:

Professor Marilyn Butler (King Edward VII Professor of English Literature at Cambridge University), Miss Wendy Craig (actress), Rabbi Lionel Blue (writer and broadcaster), Sir Laurence Byford (HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary), Mr Alec Smith (General Secretary of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers), Mr Alan Sugar (Chairman of Amstrad plc) and Mr Reginald Ward (Chief Executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation).

A memorial service for Mr Bill Simpson will be held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, at noon today.

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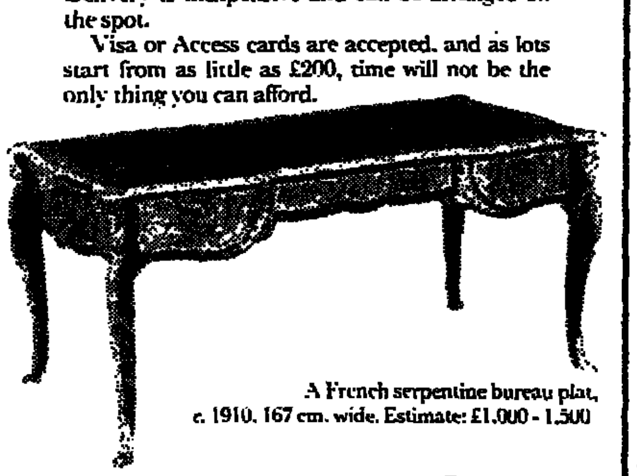

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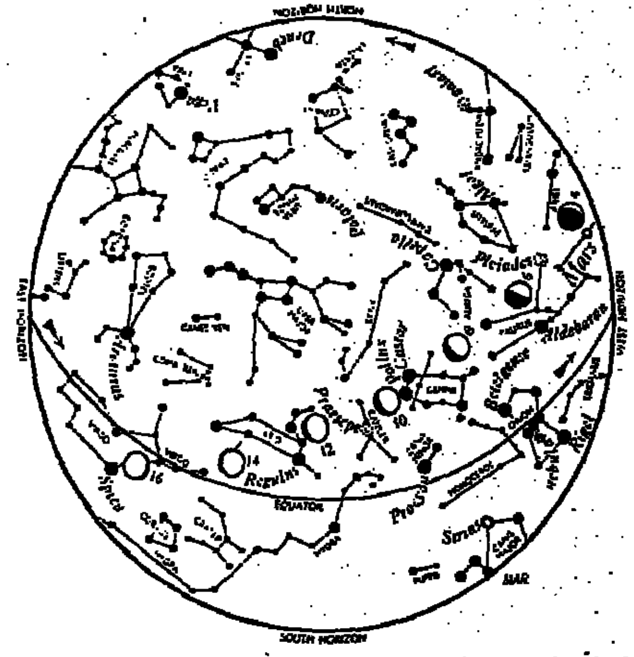
The night sky in March

By Our Astronomy Correspondent



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian, the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich, and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Mercury is a morning star though rather difficult for observation. Greatest elongation (28 deg) on the 26th but rising less than an hour before the Sun.

Venus is still a bright morning object but the interval between its rising and sunrise is diminishing. Moon near it on the 26th.

Mars is approaching Taurus and, as the map shows, is moving quite rapidly. It retains its setting time of about 23h. Moon near it on the 4th.

Jupiter will be low in the south-west in the early evening, and will be in conjunction with the Sun on the 27th. Moon very close to it on the 1st.

Saturn is becoming more prominent in the morning sky and by the end of the month will be rising before 01h. Stationary on the 31st. Moon south of it on the 22nd.

Uranus will be rising between 02h and 01h, and Neptune about half an hour after it. Both planets are in Sagittarius.

The Moon: first quarter, 7d12h; full, 15d13h; last quarter, 22d16h; new, 29d13h (eclipse).

The eclipse of the Sun on the 29th will not be observable from Europe except a small partial one over Greece and southern Italy. The central eclipse is along a line from S America, across the S Atlantic to NE Africa. It will be total in the middle of the track and annular at each end.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 19d23½h and 22d20h. Mention was made last month of the variable star Mira Ceti, which has been reported to be a bright maximum.

The vernal equinox, when the Sun will cross the celestial equator from south to north, will be at 21d04h and spring will traditionally begin. Day and night will be equal a day or two earlier.

Readers sometimes ask why equal day and night does not coincide with the date. There are several reasons: some minor ones concern the time of the equinox with respect to daylight, the size of the Sun's disk and where the observer is on the Earth's surface. The main reason is atmospheric refraction. When the Sun has really set in a geometrical sense, the bending of light in the Earth's atmosphere causes it to be seen just about touching the horizon. Thus the end of the day is delayed and the beginning of the day at sunrise is accelerated. For day and night to be visibly equal the Sun must have a small southerly declination.

British Summer Time will begin on the 29th, when clocks will be changed from 01h GMT to 2am BST. GMT will continue to be used in these notes unless stated otherwise.

The lengthening of the afternoon is already apparent; sunset is later by an hour and a half than at the beginning of the year.

There can be little star-gazing until after 7pm, but from then on the sky is at what is usually regarded as its brightest for the year. The south aspect is dominated by Orion. A little to the west is Aldebaran, towards the zenith Capella, and to the east Sirius (the brightest star, magnitude -1.46), Procyon, Castor and Pollux.

By 9pm Leo with Regulus will be well up, and by 11pm, the time of our map, Orion will be approaching its setting, but as we lose it we gain Arcturus and Spica in the east. What a lovely display of bright stars. Astronomical twilight will end at about 7.30pm and, if there were no moonlight, the sky would be completely dark.

Later in the month twilight will last for another hour but the Moon will not rise until after midnight.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.R.L. Garton
and The Hon I.M. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Anthony Richard Leslie, youngest son of the late A.C. Garton and of Mrs A.C. Garton, of Hale House, De Vere Gardens, W8, and Inés Monica, youngest daughter of Lord Nunburnholme, of Shillinglee, Sussex, and Vicomtesse della Faille de Waerloos, of Brussels.

Mr C.L. Dudgeon
and Miss R.J. Dalrymple
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Dudgeon, of Humbie, Kirkliston, West Lothian, and Rose, daughter of Major the Hon Colin and Mrs Dalrymple, of Oxenfoord Mains, Dalkeith, Midlothian.

Mr A. Adams
and Miss B. Atkins
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mrs M.J. Adams and the late Mr S.J. Adams, and Bryony, daughter of the Rev T.S. and Mrs Atkins.

Mr C.K.E. Biggs
and Miss M.A. Bratt
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr K.A. Biggs, GC, and Mrs Biggs, of Ewhurst, Surrey, and Melanie, only daughter of Mrs P. Marshall, of Richmond, Surrey, and the late Mr J.S. Bratt.

Mr A.J-L. Chiang
and Miss S.R. Pollard
The engagement is announced between Alexander Jong-Luan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Philip Chiang, of Watford, Hertfordshire, and Susan Rebecca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pollard, of Cranbrook, Kent.

Mr J.R. Horley
and Miss D.M.E. Bush
The engagement is announced between John Ronald, elder son of the late Mr Ronald Horley and of Mrs Audrey Horley, of Mount Claremont, Western Australia, and Dorothy Mary Elizabeth (Betsy), second daughter of the Rev David and Mrs Bush, of Great Rissington, Gloucestershire.

Mr C.E.R. Ingleby
and Miss S.E.A. Gray
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Ingleby, of Rosedale Court, Pudleston, Leominster, Herefordshire, and Sarah, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Nicholas Gray, of The British Embassy, Tokyo, Japan.

Mr C.A. Jobson
and Miss W.M. Good
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of the Rev C.H. and Mrs Jobson, of The Vicarage, Fleet, Hampshire, and Maia, elder daughter of Major and Mrs C.P. Good, of Monchengladbach, Germany.

Mr P.N. Johnston
and Miss E.A. Barker
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs L.P. Johnston, of Cape Town, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.L. Barker, of Newbury.

Mr G.F. Long
and Miss J.C. Abbott
The engagement is announced between Graham Francis, second son of Mr and Mrs C. Long, of Kingsteignton, Devon, and Julia Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F.P. Abbott, of Rhoslefain, Gwynedd.

Mr A.J. Newton
and Mrs I. Morris
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Henry and Ilsa Newton, of London, and Irene, daughter of Konrad and Gertrude Blumenfeld, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr P.B. Smith
and Miss J.M. Gibson
The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Smith, of Willenhall, West Midlands, and Jessica, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Gibson, of Holland Park, London.

Mr J.H. Stewart
and Miss A. Millar
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs A.J.C. Neill, of Ballyholme, Co Down, and the late Mr Howard Stewart, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A. Millar, of Newtownards, Co Down.

Lieutenant Commander A.J. Wilkinson, RN,
and Miss P.S. Tanner
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Wilkinson, of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, and Pauline, only daughter of the late Mr A.C. Tanner and of Mrs A.B. Tanner, of Reading, Berkshire.

Luncheon

Carlton Club Political Committee
Lord Plummer of St Marylebone, President of the Carlton Club Political Committee, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the club. Mr Peter Walker, MP, was the guest of honour and Sir Ian Wallace also spoke.

Dinners

Lord Mayor
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, was present at a dinner given at Guildhall last night by the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London to mark the centenary of the federation. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Others present included:

Viscount Gough, Lord and Lady Bramall, Sir Keith and Lady Skinner, Sir John and Lady Read, Sir William and Lady Shapland, Mr and Mrs Neil Maitland, Major-General and Mrs Michael Walsh, aldermen, common councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London.

Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea
The Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea gave a dinner at Kensington Town Hall last night. Among those present were:

Earl Cadogan, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, and Lady Casson, Lady (Hugh) Forbes, Sir Richard Stratton, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kingston upon Thames, Mr Donald Anderson, MP, and Mrs Anderson, Mr and Mrs John Barricoal, Mr and Mrs David Cooksey, Mr and Mrs C E M Tucker, Dr and Mrs Iain Hanham, Mr and Mrs R S Webber and Mr Nicholas Freeman.

Coningsby Club
The Coningsby Club entertained Mr John Moore, MP, at dinner at the Carlton Club last night. Mr Stephen Massey was in the chair.

Families for Defence
Lady Olga Maitland, Chairman of Families for Defence Patrons Club, presided at a dinner held at the House of Commons last night, sponsored by Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP. Admiral Sir James Eberle, Director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, was the guest speaker.

United and Cecil Club
Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, Chairman of the United and Cecil Club, presided at a dinner held yesterday at the House of Commons.

Service Dinners

Royal Navy at Oxford University
Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach was the guest of honour at the annual mess dinner of Officers of the Royal Navy at Oxford held at Christ Church yesterday. Mr C.V.P. Doyle presided. Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Vice Chancellor of Oxford University, and the Very Rev E.W. Heaton, Dean of Christ Church, attended.

Yeoman Warders
The annual dinner of the Body of Yeoman Warders was held last night at HM Tower of London. Among the guests were:

The Earl of Airlie, Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Reilly, Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson, Major-Generals P D Alexander, P R F Bonnet, J H A Thompson and C J Airy; and Mr T Taylor

Aberdeen, Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air Squadron
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, United Kingdom Military Representative, HQ NATO, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Aberdeen, Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air Squadron held last night at King's College, Old Aberdeen. Squadron Leader C. Slatter, Commanding Officer, presided. Among the guests were:

The Principals of Aberdeen University, Dundee University, St Andrews University and Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology, Aberdeen; the Air Officer Commanding and Commandant of RAF College Cranwell, and the Air Officer for Scotland and Northern Ireland

Ball

English-Speaking Union
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Terence Mallinson and the American Ambassador and Mrs Price were present at the George Washington ball held last night at Grosvenor House.

Science report

University team builds bargain supercomputer

By John Newell

A university team is preparing to unveil a supercomputer which it claims will rival the most powerful on the market and yet can be built at less than one-tenth of the cost.

The Southampton University machine is built on the modular principle, assembled from 320 special microchips, called transputers, that were developed by the British silicon chip manufacturer Inmos.

Each transputer is a complete computer on a chip the size of a postage stamp but with its own substantial memory and a complete set of connections to link it on to other transputers.

Each transputer costs only about £500 but can sustain a million and a half operations simultaneously. So by linking 320 of them, Dr Tony Hey and Dr Chris Jesshope have produced a machine which rivals the performance of world's most powerful machine, America's Cray supercomputer. Yet it will cost only about £500,000 when it is first sold commercially, compared to the Cray's price tag of several million dollars.

The tiny transputer consists of a great complexity of circuitry. The Southampton team have been given the first of a new generation of transputers not yet on the market to use in their project.

The modular architecture of the Southampton design is such that the Southampton team see few problems in adding many more transputers to increase the computer's power. Only when they get to 1,000 or so will the complexity of interconnections enforce a radical redesign.

At that stage the suitability of the transputer for parallel processing, in which a computer works on several different aspects of a problem simultaneously, may make it specially suitable for designing a new generation of computers. Through the use of parallel processing these will achieve a degree of real artificial intelligence, being able to learn from experience and to work more like the human brain.

The Southampton programme is being financed to the tune of 50 per cent by the European Esprit programme, which subsidizes research intended to enable Europe to compete with the USA and Japan in advanced technology. As well as Thorn EMI, who own Inmos, and the Royal Signals and Radar Research Laboratory, Southampton University's partners include French computer companies.

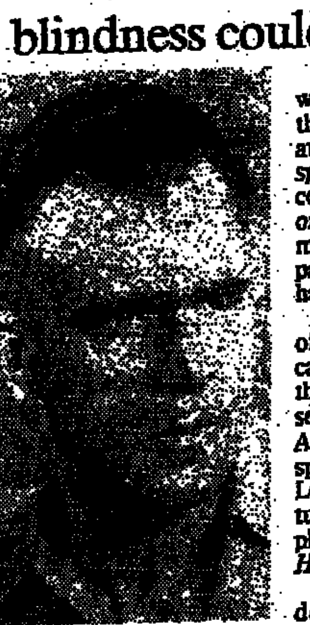
One of these, Telmat, is expected to market the first commercial computer based on the Southampton design before the end of the year.

As production increases the cost of transputers is expected to fall rapidly, perhaps to only £50 a piece within a few years. If so, the Southampton team's claim that as well as building new supercomputers they will soon put yesterday's supercomputer on today's office desks begins to look realistic.

OBITUARY

MR ESMOND KNIGHT

Actor whom blindness could not dim



Knight as Private Courage in Crisis in Heaven (1944).

Mr Esmond Knight, the actor, died suddenly on February 23 while on location in Egypt. He was 80.

During most of a packed life in the theatre, he fought with steady courage against what could have been a crippling disability.

Before the war he had been among the most eager and handsome young actors on the West End stage, as ready to play in musicals and revue as in Shakespeare, and never simply type-cast. Then, in 1941, while serving in the Navy, he was blinded during the action of the *Prince of Wales* against the German battleship *Bismarck*.

That could have been the end of Knight's acting career. Instead, he fought back with bravery that never lapsed.

Within two years he was working again, and though his sight, which he had partially regained, weakened progressively, he contrived to appear, with few breaks, in an extraordinary variety of plays - helped always by his strong memory and unwavering enthusiasm for the task.

Respected and admired by managements and by his colleagues, he had at least seventy or eighty parts of all kinds, from the classics to farce, and including his own one-man show of an archer at Agincourt.

Esmond Pennington Knight was born at East Sheen, Surrey, on May 4, 1906, and educated at Westminster School, for which he had a sustained affection. His own bent for becoming an actor was first disclosed to him when, as a small boy on a back seat, he waited for the curtain to rise on the Westminster performance of the *Phormio* of Terence.

He made his first appearance on the stage at Pax Robertson's salon in Ibsen's *Wild Duck* in 1925. Later that year he made his Old Vic début. He played not merely in small Shakespeare parts - where he got a good many hints from Baliol Holloway, who was the leading man - but also singing in opera and dancing in ballets: anything for experience.

During his next fourteen years in London he established himself as an uncommonly virile, direct and physically impressive "juvenile" ready for most challenges. Thus, immediately after playing the Young Syrian in Wilde's *Salome* at the Gate (1931), he moved to Johann Strauss, jun., in *Waltzes from Vienna* at the Alhambra.

He had, also, some testing work in Drury Lane musicals, adapting himself to the size of the theatre as easily as he had to such small houses as the Gate and the Arts.

He followed Emlyn Williams as the "baby-faced" murderer in *Night Must Fall* (1936) when Williams went to New York, and he was delighted if listeners assumed that he was Welsh. For Nancy Price he acted at the Little Theatre; and, with Wilson Barrett, he ran a repertory season at the King's, Hammersmith.

His last part before joining the Navy in 1940 was Lysander in a Regent's Park *Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Blitz already begun. Nearly a year later, as a junior officer in the *Prince of Wales*, he was blinded - losing his left eye - during the pursuit of the *Bismarck*, and he spent some time being rehabilitated at St Dunstan's Training School which had been evacuated to Shropshire.

St Dunstan's soon had him acting in a play organized for the entertainment of Church Stretton. It fostered and developed his resolve to return to the theatre.

Having partially recovered his sight - "rather like looking through clouds", he said - he appeared during 1943 in the film of *The Silver Fleet*; came back to the theatre (Lyric, 1944), aptly cast as the English soldier, Courage, in Eric Linklater's *Crisis in Heaven*; and then, at the Princes in the spring of 1945, his romantic fervour unimpaired, he acted with Evelyn Laye in *Three Waltzes*.

"He was wonderful", Laye wrote afterwards. "He insisted that none of us should pay any attention to his blindness. He spent hours learning every corner and distance of the sets on the stage, so that he could move about freely and play his part as though he had no handicap at all".

That could have been said of the remainder of his taxing career - never more taxing than when, during the 1948 season at Stratford-upon-Avon (he was always a Shakespearian), he appeared as Leontes (most moving in autumnal repentance), Christopher Sly, a sonorous Ghost in *Hamlet*, and Thersites.

Through the next three decades, thanks to his unflawed feeling for character and his quiet gallantry, he acted in plays by Terence Rattigan (*Who is Sylvia?*, 1950); Shaw (Belzanor in *Caesar and Cleopatra* with Laurence Olivier, 1951; the General in *Getting Married*, 1967); Ibsen (Ballested in *The Lady from the Sea*, 1961; three parts in *Peer Gynt*, 1962); T.S. Eliot (*The Family Reunion*, 1973, and *The Cocktail Party*, 1975, in Manchester) and Shakespeare for the RSC and the Old Vic (1961 and 1962-3).

He had, as well, a long spell at the Mermaid (1965), and was a notable Drake, a Thames waterman deceived into the belief that he could win the Golden Sculls, in John Mortimer's *Two Stars for Comfort* (Garrick, 1962).

During 1973 he gave, at Manchester, his excitingly-planned one-man show, *Agincourt - the Archer's Tale*; and in 1984 he had a small part in a revival of John Whiting's *The Devils* with the RSC at the Pit. In spite of desperately waning sight, he would not yield.

His many films included *Henry V*, *Hamlet*, *The Red Shoes*, *Richard III*, *Sink the Bismarck* and *Anne of the Thousand Days*; and he was frequently on television. Towards the end of the war he wrote an autobiography, *Seeking the Bubble*. The manuscript of another little book, *Enemy in Sight*, which he had earlier written in longhand at St Dunstan's with the assistance of a special Braille apparatus, fetched 625 guineas at auction in 1942.

Knight was twice married. First, in 1929, to Frances Clare, by whom he had a daughter. He then married, in 1946, Nora Swinburne, the actress.

MR HENRY J. HEINZ II

Mr Henry J. Heinz II, Hon. KBE, chairman of the American food products company bearing the family name, died on February 23. He was 78.

He was a generous benefactor of the arts and education in Britain - a genuine Anglophile who was, in many respects, an unofficial ambassador for his country.

Henry John (Jack) Heinz was born at Sewickley, Pennsylvania, on July 10, 1908, grandson of Henry J. Heinz I, the Pittsburgh horse-radish bottler who founded the family business.

The young Heinz was marked down for a career in the company at an early age. After studying economics at Yale, his grandfather sent him to the company's factory at Harlesden, north London, where he worked as a salesman for three years.

While here he decided to spend a year studying economics at Trinity College, Cambridge, after which he was despatched to Australia to set up a new factory.

He became president of the company in 1941 and chairman in 1959, the post he held at the time of his death.

During his tenure he oversaw the further expansion of the company around the world as well as important acquisitions of various food groups in the United States.

These took place during a period of sweeping change in the food industry, with the emergence of supermarket chains.

During the war he gave valuable help to the US Food Administration, and he made frequent visits to this country for talks on speeding up production of foods for civilian requirements. One of the London factories produced self-heating cans of soup for military use during the Blitz.

In 1947 he personally donated 1,200,000 cans of strained foods and junior foods to the British Hospitals Association for distribution to hospitals.

After the war he and his wife established themselves as patrons of the arts, and also of education.

Their benefactions included gifts to the Tate Gallery for the purchase of American paintings and to the Royal Institute of British Architects to establish its Heinz exhibition gallery. Opened by the Queen in 1972, it houses the institute's collection of architectural prints and drawings, some dating back to 1520.

In 1962 Heinz went to Wigan to open a new technical college building. He was also generous towards several Oxbridge colleges. His "significant contribution to the furtherance of British-American relationships" was acknowledged in 1977 when he was made an Hon. KBE.

Although still chairman, he relinquished day-to-day control of the business in 1966 and devoted most of his time to the family's charitable foundation.

Tall, handsome, well-tailored (English suits) and tanned from his favourite pastime, skiing, Heinz looked the embodiment of Atlantic union. In conversation he was fluent and enlightened, and he enjoyed grand social occasions.

He married, first, in 1935, Joan Diehl. They later divorced. He then married, in 1953, Drue Maher. There was one son of the first marriage: Henry John Heinz III, Republican Senator for Pennsylvania.

MR ERIC SOSNOW

Mr Eric Sosnow, Polish *émigré* lawyer and chairman of the trading firm United City Merchants, died on February 20. He was 76.

He was born at Kolno, Poland, in 1910, and educated at Wilno University. He moved to London in 1934 as a research assistant at the London School of Economics, and a part-time financial journalist for a Polish newspaper.

He then wrote extensively on Eastern Europe for *The Sunday Times* and *The Economist*, before turning to the obvious career for a loquacious multi-lingual man - he spoke eight languages - with a taste for money: barter deals.

After the war he set up his own import/export business - United City Merchants - with £22 and a second-hand typewriter.

As a journalist he had already built up an impressive list of world-wide contacts and a knowledge of the City's international institutions. In the City he earned a reputation as a skilled and shrewd businessman.

Sosnow became known for trade deals behind the Iron Curtain; Russian timber exports being a speciality. His most spectacular deal was, perhaps, with the Greek Colonels in 1969.

He undertook to sell £25 million of Greek tobacco to British cigarette manufacturers as part of a British Government-backed barter arrangement to sell Greece a £30 million nuclear power station.

In 1967, following the death of his son, Norman, Sosnow increasingly devoted himself to charitable and educational concerns, directed especially towards the young.

He set up travelling scholarships in his son's name for students at Christ's College, Cambridge, and later extended them to students at the LSE. He was also a generous benefactor to the college's appeal and was a member of its investment committee.

He was a member of the board of governors of the LSE and an honorary fellow, and his generosity helped establish the Norman Sosnow chair in banking and finance at the school in 1985.

He was also closely associated with the Institute for Polish/Jewish Studies at Oxford, and was co-chairman of its Arthur Rubinstein Centenary Concert Committee. Among his decorations were the Comendador of the Republic of Portugal and the Polish Order of Merit.

Sosnow was a short, tubby man. He had a passion for fine works of art. He never lost his affection for his native Poland, and in later years he gave much money for the care of Polish orphans.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, and their daughter.

SIR HUGH GREENE

Lord Goodman, CH, writes:

Your perceptive obituary of Sir Hugh Greene (February 21) made no mention of his importance in the establishment of the Open University.

I am uniquely placed to describe his participation since, on behalf of the then cabinet, I conducted discussions discussions with him to ascertain to what extent the BBC would participate, and what the cost would be.

When approached about the project, Hugh Greene displayed immense enthusiasm. He made available 32 hours per week of broadcasting time on BBC2 and gave a professional costing to the whole operation.

My report to the Prime Minister incorporated his detailed recommendations and was a firm basis on which the cabinet decided to proceed with the project.

There was - as Lord Perry reports in his book, *The Open University* - "a large element of scepticism within the BBC's own staff" and "widespread resistance to the idea of giving up potential peak transmission times for these educational programmes".

Nevertheless, Hugh Greene over-rode this opposition and made it possible for the OU to be launched. For these efforts he has not, up to now, received appropriate recognition.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.
Jeremiah 6 : 27.

BIRTHS

ANGUS - On February 22nd, to Jane (née Buchanan) and Sandy, a son.

BIGGS - On February 23rd, at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport to Janet (née Widd) and Eric, a son Michael David.

BRUGGER - On February 18th, to Claire and Alex, a daughter, Elizabeth May, a sister for Peter Max.

COLEMAN - On February 17th, 1987 to Chris and Paul, a son, Lloyd Paul, a brother for Heather Grace.

CONIBEAR - On February 22nd, to Ann (née Steiner) and Jon, a son, Robert, a brother for Timothy and William.

COTTON - On February 20th, to Corin and Richard, a son, Oliver Charles.

GIBSON - On February 21st 1987, at Queen Charlottes, to Lucy (née Micklem) and Peter, a daughter.

HAYDON - On February 24th, to Colette (née Hoard) and John, a son, James.

MOOR - On February 14th, to Patrice (née Hasterl) and Andrew, a son, Edward Oswald.

RODHAM - On February 21st, to Judith (née Parker) and Morris a son, Andrew Mark, a brother for Beth and Stephen.

WATSON - On February 24th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Sue (née Grundy) and Michael, a daughter, Marie-Alexandra Ann.

WEBB - On February 22nd, at Peterborough District Hospital, to Christine (née Shakles) and Ben, a son Richard James, a brother for Katie.

WELLS - On February 23rd, in London, to Louise (née Ward) and Nicholas, a son, Henry Charles Weston, a brother for Candida and Julia.

WHITE GRIOTPERAY - On February 25th 1987, in Florida, to Meriel (née Howarth), and Patrick, a son, (Jocelyn Claud Howarth), a brother for Marina and Sebastian.

MARRIAGES

POWELL:DEL CONSUELO ORTIZ AVILA IBARRA on Friday February 20th, in Mexico City. Jeff to Maria.

DEATHS

BERRY - On February 23rd 1987, Lady Mabel Marian (Jane), (née Ingram) Medical Practitioner, wife of the late Sir James Berry F.R.C.S., D.C.L., F.S.A. of Princes Gate Mews, at St George's Nursing Home, in her 100th year. Funeral at 3.45pm, in the West Chapel, Putney Vale Crematorium, Tuesday March 3rd. Donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers to Age Concern, Bernard Sumley House, Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey. Interment of ashes later at Wimbledon Parish Church.

BIBBY - On February 22nd, peacefully at home, after along illness bravely borne, Frances Joan (née Boddington), dearly loved mother of Margaret and Alan. Funeral at Croydon crematorium on Wednesday March 4th, at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund, Fulham.

BROWNE - On February 23rd 1987, Patricia Magdalen Buchanan, beloved daughter of Raymond and Darita and sister of Felicity. Requiem Mass on Tuesday March 3rd, at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol at 1pm, and cremation at 2.20pm, at Canford Crematorium. Subsequent committal of the ashes at Cookham Cemetery date as yet unknown. Flowers to C.R.S. Funeral Services, 20 High Street, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol or donations to Cancer Research.

EDELSTEN - On February 24th, William Keith, beloved husband of Jean and father of Mark, Clive and Simon. Funeral service at Ipswich crematorium on Friday 27th, at 3.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Christian Aid.

GLASS - On February 22nd 1987, in Hospital, after a brief illness, Charles George David (Dai), M.A.(Oxon), aged 62, only son of Charles and Gwyneth Glass. For some 44 years a devoted teacher of successive generations at St.Purton Stoke and Brockhurst Schools. Service at St.Mays church, Marlston, near Hermitage, Newbury, on Friday Febraury 27th, at 12.00 noon. Followed by cremation at Oxford.

HEINZ - On February 23rd, Henry J Heinz II, Hon. K.B.E. at his home in Florida after a short illness. Beloved husband of Drue & father of Senator H John Heinz III. Memorial service midday, Friday February 27th, at the Heinz Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. No flowers please. Donations to Royal Academy of Arts. Memorial service in London to be announced later.

HUTTON - On February 24th 1987, peacefully in her sleep, at Princess Grace Clinic, Enid Maud, wife of the late Michael Hutton, and dearly loved mother of Sally Anne, Peter and Susan. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday March 6th, at 10.30am. Flowers to Mathias's, 213 Upper Richmond Road, SW15.

LOMBARD - On February 23rd, peacefully at Beauchamp House Nursing Home, Taunton, after a short illness, James Stephen of Pisarheged, North Curry, Taunton, beloved husband of the late Lynne and beloved father of Diane, resting at Roath Court Funeral Home, Newport Road, Cardiff until the service in the Chapel on Monday March 2nd, at 3.00pm, and afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium.

MACGREGOR - On February 24th, Ian Wyness (Mac), beloved husband of Vi and father of Alasdair and Jean and step-father of Michael and Tessa. Private funeral and no flowers please. Enquires to Alasdair at 0600 83225.

MASSEN - On February 24th, peacefully in Tavistock, aged 85 years, Bertha Millicent, widow of Jack, much loved sister of Dopety and mother of Dick and Juliet. Family flowers only. Donations to Christ's Hospital. Enquires to Hill, Abbotsfield Cottage, Tavistock.

PLOWMAN - On February 19th, suddenly but peacefully whilst holidaying on the island of Fuerteventura, John Frederick, dearly loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. For cremation arrangements contact Heritage and Son, tel Winslow 3341. No flowers please, but donations if desired for St Michael's Steeple Claydon Restoration Fund, sent to The Rectory, Steeple Claydon, Bucks.

SANER - On February 24th 1987, peacefully in hospital in her 91st year, Ethel Mary Caroline Saner, late of Northwich, Chester and Berkenhead. Daughter of the late Col. J.A. Saner, C.B., V.D., D.L.

SAVAGE - On February 22nd 1987, peacefully at home in Worthing, Hilda Corbett Savage, aged 85. Dearly loved wife of the late Leonard and a dear mother of Jean and Michael. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday February 27th, at 2pm. All flowers and enquiries to H.D.Tribe Ltd. 130 Broadwater Rd. Worthing. Tel: 0903 34516.

SEARLE-SHIRLEY - On Saturday February 21st, suddenly, Jesse ('Jack'). Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium Friday March 6th, at 2pm. Enquires to T.H. Saunders & Son. 01 948 1551.

STEVENS - On February 24th, Brian aged 64 years of Longden Manor, Shrewsbury. Funeral service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Friday February 27th, at 9.20am. Family flowers only please, donations for St. John's Ambulance. Enquiries please to the funeral directors, WRR Pugh & Son. Tel: (0743) 4646.

TRUTER - On February 23rd, suddenly at P.M.R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, Neville Gordon Royal Navy, best beloved of Bhlaire, Gregor and Ruari. Funeral at Breakspere Crematorium, Ruislip on Monday March 2nd, at 3.00pm. No flowers. Donations instead to Cancer Research.

WARD - On February 22nd, peacefully at The College of St. Barnabas, Rev. Herbert Sandford. Requiem at the college on Friday March 6th, at 11am. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to the Warden of the college.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

READ - A thanksgiving service for the life of Christopher John (priest), for his ministry to the church. At St Alban, the Martyr, Holburn. On Thursday March 5th 1987, at 11.30am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

HARRAP - On February 26th 1985, George Paull Munro. Much missed by the many who loved him.

SYMES - Edward Wymond Cory. Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Kingston Deverill Church on Tuesday March 3rd at 2.30pm.

The Times crossword's process of elimination

By John Grant, Crossword Editor

One of the penalties of living in the south is that those who enter for *The Times* Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship have an extra hurdle to face — the Eliminator puzzle. Provincial solvers may feel this is a suitable fate for Londoners and suchlike, but the malignity of the Eliminator is not motiveless.

Every year, two or three times as many qualifiers opt for London as we have room for, and our recurrent worry is whether the Eliminator will be difficult enough. The solver in the railway carriage, who is the person we try to keep in mind, may therefore fairly feel aggrieved by puzzle no 17,284 (for solution see back page), which does require reference books, as the following explanations show.

Across: 1, The cryptic part of the clue, "Sensational Beatles' sound", yields YELLOW, as in 'the Yellow Press', and HAMMERS, also called beetles, which sound like the Beatles, making birds — YELLOWHAMMERS.

10, 'Bottled beer finally', ie, R, the last letter in beer, "bottled" in VIAL, producing a VIRAL disorder.

11, Meriam Beetle was the hired girl in Stella Gibbons's *Cold Comfort Farm*, and her employer therefore her HIRER.

12, IRIS controls the size of the pupil, and Irish (noun) is colloquial for bad temper.

13, STEW, meaning both fish pond and to cook.

15, The Lord Chancellor's nightmare song from *Iolanthe*, when you are dreaming "In your shirt and your socks (the black silk, with gold clocks), crossing Salisbury Plain on a BICYCLE.

18, NARROWS are where the banks are close, and contracts (verb) = shrinks or NARROWS.

20, MINICAB — ACINI (berries) reversed in MB (doctor).

22, RUHR, Czech play RUR (Rossum's Universal Robots) by Karel Capek round H (husband), valley sounding like valet.

23, Louis XVI (eventually arraigned under the name Louis Capet) was called the BAKER because he gave bread (French 'pain') to the starving at Versailles in 1789 (Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable).

26, "The Snark *was* a Boojum", Lewis Carroll, so 'half length' = BOO + LE (French 'the'), BOOLE being the 19th century English mathematician and creator of Boolean algebra.

27, TRIUMVIRI: the Roman general Pompey, being one of the first triumvirate, or three-man political alliance, in Rome, would be an eligible victim for the Ancient Mariner "who stoppeth one of three", in Pompey, the colloquial name for Portsmouth.

28, Blenheims are small spaniels, plus anagram of pets = BLENHEIM STEPS, a reference to the old anatomical school at BS, Bond Street, where the body-snatchers operated, so that going there meant going to be dissected (Brewer).

Down: 1, The Courtship of the YONGHY-BONGHY-BO, one of Edward Lear's *Laughable Lyrics*.

3, Anagram of BURST in anag of COROT = OBSTRUCTOR, or filibuster (noun) — one who obstructs in a legislative assembly.

4, 'Extremes of humidity' (i.e., the first and last letters) = HY + A + LINE (equator), HYALINE being (literary) "smooth sea, clear sky, etc" (COD).

6, *Initial letters of* 'Eiswein non-vintage yet' = ENVY. 7, Anag. CIGAR TEST = STRATEGIC.

8, 'He wrote about snouts turning out to be king walruses' — SLAWKENBERGIUS, the author of a Latin treatise on noses in *Tristram Shandy*, and an anagram of BE KING WALRUSES.

19, SCH, abbreviation for school, round QUIT, to get off, the SQUITCH, couch grass.

20, Harriet MARTINEAU (19th century English author), with I instead of EAU (Vichy, ie French, water) = MARTINI.

24, 'Before you can say 'KNIFE'.

Latest wills

Sir Stanley Clayton, of Leatherhead, Surrey, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology to King's College Hospital Medical School and the Insitute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Queen Charlotte's Hospital and Chelsea Hospital for Women, left estate valued at £279,185 net.

Mr John Denham, of Lightcliffe, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £3,196,920 net.

Mr Lewis Green, of Caenby, Licolnshire, left estate valued at £543,294 net. His farmhouse, cottages, and farmlands, 375 acres in all, were left to the Lincolnshire and South Humberside Trust for Nature Conservation.

Lady Aimee Goddard, of Leicester, widow of Sir Joseph Goddard, the industrialist, left estate valued at £391,641 net.

Mr Thomas Brooke, of Bray, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,069,460 net.

Mrs Phyliis Leonard, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £496,754 net.

Mrs Ruby Cohen, of London N3, left estate valued at £489,380 net.

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Notice is hereby given that on 12 February 1987 the British Railways Board made an appointment resolution under section 48 (Pension schemes) of the British Railways (No.2) Act 1986 fixing 1st April 1987 as the appointed day for the purposes of that section. The result of the resolution will be that on 1st April 1987 the British Railways (Wages Grades) Pension fund and the New Section of the British Railways Superannuation fund will be discontinued and wound up and members and pensioners of those schemes will become entitled to equivalent rights under the BR Pension Scheme

Simon Osborne
British Railways Board, Melbury House
Melbury Terrace, London NW1 6JU
The Solicitor

LEGAL NOTICES

ELECTROCRAFT (HAMPSHIRE) LIMITED

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Polygon Hotel, Cumberland Place, Southampton SO9 4DG on Thursday the 5th day of March 1987 at 11.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Committee of Inspection

Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, Secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their security), lodge at the Registered Office of the Company at Longcroft House, Victoria Avenue, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4NS before the Meeting a Statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it was assessed

Dated this 13th day of February 1987
By Order of the Board of Directors
JULIAN WOOD

THE INVOLVENCY ACT, 1986
Regal Transport Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford St. Manchester M1 5AB on the 4th March 1987 at 12.00 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 98 et seq.

Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, situated at the offices of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB

Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Partners, Chartered Accountants and Licenced Insolvency Practitioners will provide for the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the day of the Meeting.

DATED this 16th day of February 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D. HYDE
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF
BARKER FINE ARTS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 11th day of March 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Swaden FCA of 46 Rodney Street, Liverpool, L1 9AA, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 11 day of Februry 1987
D SWADEN
LIQUIDATOR

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A.D KENNINGHAM
LIQUIDATOR

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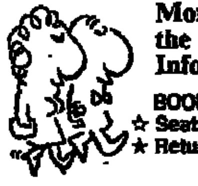

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LONDON

☆ *DECADENCE:* Revival of Steven Berkoff's ferocious study of the upper classes. With *Linda Marlowe.* Limited season.
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☆ **FASCINATING AIDA:** The witty, sexy, subversive threesome sparking *and larking about.*
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, *London W1 (01-437 4506). Tube:* Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-*10.10pm, Fri and* Sat 6.30-8.40pm, 9.30-11.40pm, £7.50..

★ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter.
***Victoria Palace Theatre,** Victoria* Street, London SW1 (01-834 1317). *Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri* 7.45-10.15pm. Sat 8.15-10.45pm, *matinée* Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.45-7.15pm. £7.50-£18.50.

☆ *HOLIDAY: Lindsay Anderson's* fine production of creaking old *Broadway play* about the sufferings of the super-rich. Stars Mary Steenburgen and Malcolm McDowell. Last few days.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, *SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821).* Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-*10.15pm. Sat 7.45-10.30pm,* matinée Wed 2.30-5.15pm, Sat 4-*6.45pm, £3-£12.50.*

★ **KATHIE AND THE HIPPOPOTAMUS:** The uses of fantasy in a travel-writer's diary. Award-winner from Edinburgh by the Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: *Highbury and Islington. Tonight* 7-9pm. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £6, until *March 28.*

☆ **LADY DAY:** Dee Dee Bridgewater sings the sad tale of Billie Holiday.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-240 8230, *cc* 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 6-8.10pm and 8.30-10.40pm. £6-£11.50, until April 4.

☆ **LILLIAN:** How Lillian Hellman *played her part in Hitler's downfall* and promoted her image. Starring Frances de la Tour. Last few days.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Tues-Sat 8-10.10pm, matinée Sat and Sun 3-5.10pm. £6-£12, until March 1.

☆ *SCOUT'S HONOUR:* Left-wing council inherits fascist money and farcical results ensue. Often hilarious.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, London W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 4-6.30pm. £5-£10, until March 28.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story: a limited viewpoint but still effective.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 *3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus.* Tues-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 3-*5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm,* £4-£11.50, extended until March 21.

☆ **THIS STORY OF YOURS:** *Revival of John Hopkins's powerful* exposure of a bad cop's *breakdown: starring David Suchet.*
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, London NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-10.40pm, matinée Sat 3-5.40pm, £6-£7, until March 7.

★ **THREE MEN ON A HORSE:** Pleasant 1930s comedy about a the humble greetings card rhymester with a gift for tipping racehorse *winners.*
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. 7.30-9.45pm, £7, until Feb 28.

☆ **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?:** *Billie Whitelaw and* Patrick Stewart play the alcoholic academics in revival of Albee's finest drama.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.45pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5.45pm, £6.95, until March 14.

☆ **WONDERFUL TOWN:** Marvellous Maureen Lipman in Bernstein's zippy musical. Last weeks
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 0120/1166/7 or 01-439 3849). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 5-7.30pm, £6-£16, until March 28.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ *The Business* ***of Murder:*** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 *3036)* . . . ★ *Cats: New London* Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 *4079)* . . . ☆ ***Chess:*** *Prince Edward* Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ☆ **42nd** ***Street:*** *Drury Lane Theatre Royal* (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ ***Me and My Girl:*** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-*240 7913/4)* . . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 8433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . .
★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . .
☆ ***Starlight Express:*** *Apollo* Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc *01-630 6262)* . . . ☆ ***Stepping Out:*** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 *5122, cc* 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ★ **Julius Caesar:** The new Company 3 brings together actors, directors and writers from "differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds" (i.e. races). Roger Rees directs the opening production.
New Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon-Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £4, until March 14.

DERBY: ☆ **Our Day Out:** Willy *Russell's calamity-packed school* outing show.
Playhouse Theatre, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £3-£5, until March 7.

GREENWICH: ☆ ***The Viewing:*** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to account. Odd play by David Pownall, strongly acted.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, until March 14.

Like Jonathan Miller and Graham Chapman of *Monty Python,* Graeme Garden is a medic who got diverted into showbusiness. He developed his comic talents with the *Cambridge Footlights,* became a writer for radio and TV and formed *The Goodies* with Tim Brooke-Taylor and Bill Oddie. He is an actor, too, currently starring in David Pownall's play *The Viewing* at Greenwich (*Out of Town listings*).

LEEDS: ☆ **Camille.** First performance outside the West End of Pam Gems's stirring tear-jerker.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111) Mon and Tues 8-10.40pm, Wed-Sat 7.30-10.10pm, £4-£5.50, until March 7.

LEICESTER: ☆ **Hedda Gabler:** Sian Thomas as the trapped heroine in a stylish production.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797) Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £3.50-£7.50, until Feb 28.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Alchemist:** Ben Jonson's sharp comedy of dupes and swindlers in Jacobean London.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061-833 9833) Mon-Thurs *7.30-10.25pm,* Fri and *Sat* 8-10.55pm, *matinée* Wed 2.30-*5.20pm, Sat 4-6.50pm.* £2.50-£9, until March 28.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **March of the Falsettos:** *Zippy, witty musical by* William Finn concerning the home *life of New York bisexuals.*
Library Theatre, Central Library, St *Peter's Square (061-236 7110),* Mon-Thurs 7.30-8.45pm, Fri and *Sat 6-7.15pm and 8.30-9.45pm,* £3-£4.20, until March 7.

OXFORD: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as *Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael* Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company. **Oxford Apollo,** George Street (0865 *244544) Henry IV Part One* Sat 11-2pm, *Henry IV Part Two* today 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 3.30-6.30pm, *Henry V* Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, *£5.50-£7.50.*

PRESTON: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero in this Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production.
Charter Theatre, Lancaster Road (0772 58858) Tues-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£4, until Feb 28.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **The Cid:** The touring Cheek by Jowl company's marvellous resurrection of Corneille's masterpiece. The struggle of love against honour made human and witty.
The Swan, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623) 7.30-9.45pm, £2-£7, until Feb 28.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first American musical.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). *Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm,* matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£16.50, until March 7.

YORK: ☆ **Rebecca:** Manderley *lives again. Will the second Mrs de* Winter hold out against the forces *of evil? With Tamsin Olivier and* Gary Bond.
Theatre Royal, St Leonards Place, York (0904 23568) Mon, Tues and Thurs 7.30-10.10pm, Wed 7-9.40pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.40pm, £3.25-£6.50, until Feb 28.

FILMS

■ *Also on national release*
☎ **Advance booking possible**

CASTAWAY (15): Lucy Irvine's tropical island adventure, filmed by Nicolas Roeg with pretty and provocative pictures, but no narrative drive. With Oliver Reed and newcomer Amanda Donohoe (116 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 *2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs* 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 8861). Progs 2.30, 5.35, 8.20.

COMING UP ROSES (PG): Modest, *endearing Welsh-language film* about the closure of a small town cinema. Directed by Stephen Bayly with a touch of the old Ealing spirit (94 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.35, 3.30, 5.50, 8.15.
☎ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). *Progs 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05.*

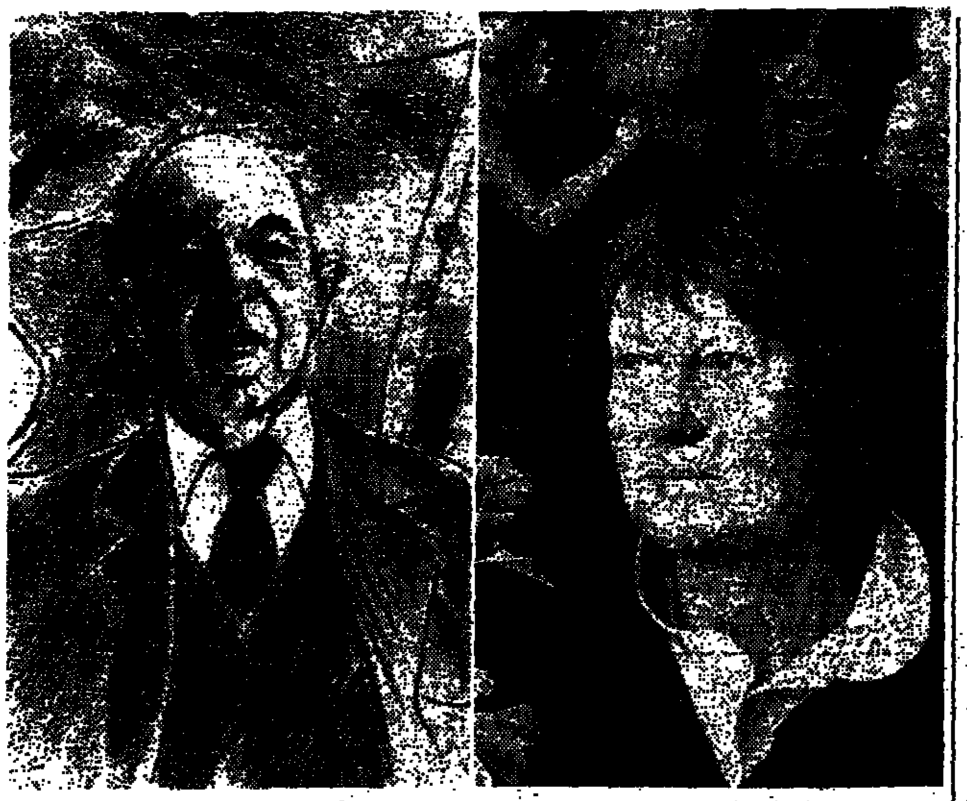
LE COP (18): Two cops actually — one weary and corrupt (Philippe Noiret), the other bright and bushy-tailed (Thierry Lhermitte). French comedy-drama with a good realistic *surface directed by Claude Zidi* (106 min).
Cannon Premiere *(01-439 4470).* Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.

THE FLY (18): *Jeff Goldblum* — an inspired choice — plays the *experimental scientist undergoing a* metamorphosis. Directed by *David Cronenberg with his usual* emphasis on glossy, queasy *shocks* (96 min).
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, 01-930 3232)). Progs 12.00, 2.45, 5.30, 8.15, 11.15.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

■ **HEARTBREAK RIDGE (15):** Hollywood's latest jingoistic extravaganza, with Clint Eastwood slapping scallywag troops into shape (130 min).
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791 cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.40, 5.30, *8.20.*

HOLY INNOCENTS: Pointed rural drama from Spain, highlighting the plight of impoverished labourers in the 1960s. Directed in 1984 by Mario Camus (105 min).
ICA Cinema *(01-930 3647)* Progs 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

OTELLO (U): The Verdi opera flamboyantly filmed for lay consumption by Franco Zeffirelli. With Placido Domingo, Katia Ricciarelli; conducted by Lorin Maazel (126 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.15.



When photography was first announced to the public in 1839 the French history painter Paul Delaroche declared: "From today painting is dead." If he had referred specifically to portraiture he may have had a point, since it is widely believed that photography dealt the *coup de grâce to portrait painting.* New Faces, a show of recent commissions and purchases for the 20th century *collection at the* National Portrait Gallery, will be hoping to expose the fallacy of such a notion. Robin Gibson, the gallery's head of 20th century painting, considers that in order to secure exciting *portraits* good artists who are not necessarily known for portraiture must be commissioned alongside those with established reputations as face painters. Some recent results of this enlightened policy are R.B. Kitaj's portrait of art historian Sir Ernst Gombrich (above left), an affectionate study of Iris Murdoch by Tom Phillips (above right) and David Tindle's *interpretation in tempera* of Dirk Bogarde. Also on display, along with numerous interesting *earlier acquisitions,* are *intense* self-portraits by Barbara Hepworth and Mervyn Peake. The New Faces exhibition opens tomorrow at the National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until June 7. *David Lee*

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei Tarkovsky's testament — a starkly *beautiful parable, shot in Sweden,* with Erland Josephson as the intellectual hero facing the world's end (149 min).
☎ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 2.10, 5.05, 8.10.

SOUL MAN (PG): Fast, *furious and* occasionally tasteless social comedy, with C Thomas Howell as the white man who blacks up to win a law school scholarship. Directed by Steve Miner (103 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). *Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.10.*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 *5901). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.25, 8.40.*
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.35, 3.10, 5.05, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.30, 8.40.

■ **WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG):** *Animated version of Raymond* Briggs's best-seller about a placid old couple facing a nuclear attack. John Mills and Peggy Ashcroft provide the voices (85 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) Progs 1.30, 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.10.
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CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **BARTHOLDY TRIOS:** *Piano trios by Mendelssohn (Op 49) and Fauré* (Op 120) are played by the *Bartholdy Trio.*
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1.15pm, £1.50.

EVENING

★ **ALL BEETHOVEN:** Walter Weller conducts the RPO in Beethoven's *Fidelio* Overture, Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor" (John Lill, soloist) and Symphony No 6 "Pastoral". **Festival Hall,** South Bank, London *SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 6800),* 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£14.

☆ **PERSEPHONE'S DREAM:** This concert by the Hallé Orchestra under Sir Charles Groves begins with *Persephone's Dream* by *Jonathan Harvey, continues with* Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 3 *(soloist, Cecile Ousset), ends with* Sibelius' Symphony No 1.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712) 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£9.

★ **BAMERT/SNO:** The Scottish National Orchestra *is conducted by* Matthias Bamert in Ravel's *Pavane pour une Infante défunte,* Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody (Cristina Ortiz, piano) and Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique.*
City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041-552 5961), 7.30-9.45pm, £3-£9.

☆ **TALLIS SCHOLARS:** Motets from Thomas Tallis's *Cantiones Sacrae* of 1575, John Sheppard's Western Wynde Mass and Christopher Tye's *Omnes Gentes Plaudite* are sung by the Tallis Scholars under Peter Phillips.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, *London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-* 9.30pm, £2-£5.

☆ **HERBIG/LSO:** Beethoven's *Egmont* Overture and Symphony No 3 "Eroica" are performed by the LSO conducted by Gunther Herbig, *and in Mendelssohn's Violin* Concerto the soloist is Dmitry *Sitkovetsky.*
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£12.50.

DANCE

★ *LA FILLE MAL GARDEE: Fiona* Chadwick, Jay Jolley and David *Bintley star in Frederick Ashton's* romantic comedy for the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-9.40pm, £1-£22.50.

☆ ***IDJ:*** *Contemporary black jazz* dance group performing in collaboration with Steve Williamson Quintet,
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £4.

☆ ***AMERICAN SUITE:*** *New works* by Viola Farber and David Gordon *for Extemporary Dance Theatre.*
Theatre Royal, Westgate Street, Bury St Edmonds (0284 69505), 7.30-9.45pm, £2-£5.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's production for Northern Ballet Theatre brings out the drama.
Grand Theatre, Church Street, Blackpool (0253 28372) 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£6.50, matinée 2.30-4.30pm, £3-£4.

OPERA

★ **AKHNATEN:** Philip Glass's minimalist opera in David Freeman's hypnotic ritual production. Visually stunning, *aurally mesmeric, and with* Christopher Robson returning to *the counter-tenor title role.*
English National Opera, Coliseum, *St Martin's Lane, London WC2* (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£10.

☆ ***COUNT OF LUXEMBOURG:*** Nigel Douglas (director and *translator) brings a whiff of echt* Vienna to his newly re-staged *production of Lehar's stylish* operetta. John Brecknock takes the title role.
New Sadler's Wells Opera, Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916); 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£16.50.

☆ **DER FLIEGENDE HOLLANDER:** John Cox's new, industrial revolution of a production for Scottish Opera, with Norman Bailey and Kathryn Harries.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 7.15-9.20pm, £3-£19.

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☆ ***CINDERELLA:*** *Opera 80's lively* new production of Rossini's panto-*opera now half-way through its tour* and going strong.
Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading (0734 591591), 7.30-10.15pm, £4-£6.

ROCK

★ **LOS LOBOS:** The big men from *East Los Angeles return with their* unique combination of traditional *Hispano folk and blistering* road-hardened R&B.
Town and Country, *9-17 Highgate* Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334), *7.30pm, £6.50.*

★ **BIG AUDIO DYNAMITE:** Despite the relatively disappointing chart run of their second album *No 10 Upping Street,* BAD show every sign of a band entering their prime.
International 2, *210 Plymouth* Grove, Manchester (061-224 5050). 7.30pm, £5 *(50p refund with UB40).*

☆ **TED HAWKINS:** The LA ex-busker whose extraordinary soul/blues singing caused such a sensation when he toured here last autumn. Support is Andy White.
Queen's Hall, South Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031-668 2019) 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **NEW MODEL ARMY:** Last show.
Leeds Polytechnic, Calverley Street (0532 462971) 7.30pm, £3.75.

★ **CYNDI LAUPER:** Last show.
Royal Centre, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 411871) 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50.

JAZZ

★ **RONNIE ROSS QUARTET:** The first British baritone saxophonist of any consequence, Ross has *endured the vagaries of fashion* with talent and vigour intact. *Rooted in bebop, his playing — like* that of his contemporary, Ronnie *Scott — has taken due note of* subsequent events without losing its elegance.
Bull's Head, Barnes Bridge, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £2.50.

☆ **JOE HENDERSON:** His tenor saxophone bearing traces of both Coltrane and Rollins, Henderson has matured into an aggressive, probing improviser.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), *9.30pm, £8 (members £6).*

GALLERIES

MARIA CHEVSKA: Larger, more freely coloured pictures than usual from a much acclaimed young artist.
Bernard Jacobson Gallery, 2a *Cork Street, London W1 (01-439* 8355), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-*1pm, free, until March 18.*

HUMAN RELATIONS: Figure paintings and photographs including Hockney, Kossof and *Bratby* from the Arts Council's collection.
Victoria Art Gallery, *Bridge Street,* Bath (0225-61111), Mon-Fri *10-6pm,* Sat 10-5pm, *free, until* March 14.

JOHN LATHAM: *Sculptures and* reliefs made between 1954 and *1972 by a more influential theorist* than practitioner of Modernism.
Lisson Gallery, 66-68 Bell Street, London NW1 (01-724 2739), Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until March 14.

LOOKING INTO PAINTINGS: Pictures from Veronese to Ken Kiff *are compared to illustrate differing* approaches to the depiction of narrative.
Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead (091-447 1495), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-4.30pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until March 15.

GENIAL COMPANY: An exhibition examining how Gainsborough, Reynolds and their contemporaries captured the individual genius of their sitters.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, Edinburgh, (031-556 8921), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until April 12.

TALKS

MASS OBSERVATION AND MARKET RESEARCH: Talk by June Pottinger, field director of Mass Observation *UK* and vice-chairman of the Market Research Society.
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middx (01-568 1176), *2pm,* £1.50.

LOOKING FOR A LANGUAGE: *Lecture by playwright Christopher* Fry.
University of Leicester, Attenborough Lecture Theatre 1 (0533 554455), 4.15pm, free.

EINSTEIN AND BOHR AND THE ELUSIVE TRUTH IN QUANTUM MECHANICS: The E. H. Young Memorial Lecture given by Dr John S. Bell, *European Organisation for Nuclear Research in Geneva.*
University of Bristol, Lecture Theatre G42, Physics Department (0272 24161), 5.15pm, free.

IRELAND: WAS THERE A NATIONAL STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE 19TH *CENTURY?:* *Talk by Jeanne* Sheehy as part of the Victorian *Society's winter series.*
Royal Institute of British *Architects,* *Portland Place,* London W1 (01-994 1019), 6.15pm, £2.

WALKS

STRAND ALLEYS AND HIDDEN PLACES: *meet* Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

MEDIEVAL TRADE GUILDS: *meet* Blackfriars tube, 2pm, £2.25.

OTHER EVENTS

P.J. KAVANAGH: The poet *from his new* collection of poems — *Presences: New and Selected Poems.* Reception precedes the event.
The Poetry Society, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7861). Reception 6.30pm, reading 7.30pm. Adult £2, child £1.50.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES: Guided tour, meet at information desk by *2.30pm; All I ask is a Tall Ship* — film in which veteran sailor compares his early life with that of *cadets on a Norwegian training* ship, Runciman Lecture Theatre, 2.30pm; "search and destroy" — chance to play war games, 10.30am-1.00pm; "Greenwich challenge" — knotting and scrimshaw work, for six- to 16-year-olds, 11am-4pm.
National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich, London SE10 (01-858 4422). Single adult admission £1.20, *child 60p.*

BL FILMS: 11am, Jonathan Swift: *No Country for Old Men,* lasts 75 mins. 2pm, film about Somerset Maugham, lasts 50 mins.
British Library, Seminar Room, *Great Russell Street, London WC1* (01-323 7595), free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN RECITAL: Advance postal booking open for concert for St George's Day, with BBC Concert Orchestra and 200-voice choir, and soloists including Valerie Masterton and John Ayldon. April 23.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1. *(01-928 3191, 01-928* 3002 info).

PETER AND THE WOLF: Booking for performance by Orchestra of St Saviour's under Susan Farrow, with Penelope Keith as narrator. Also work by *Mozart,* Britten, Debussy and Boyce, March 14.
St Saviour's, *Walton Street,* London, SW3. 01-878 7691.

AKHNATEN STUDY DAY: Exploration of historical and cultural background of Philip Glass opera, including tour of Egyptian *galleries at British Museum to look* at exhibits from C14th BC Egypt. March 14.
ENO, Coliseum, St Martins Lane, *London WC2.* (01-836 0111).

LAST CHANCE

SOANE AND AFTER: Exhibition *commemorating* the 150th anniversary of the death of the architect Sir John Soane. Ends Sunday.
Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21 (01-693 5254).

YOUNG OBSERVER DYECRAFTS EXHIBITION: Children's craft work in batik, using traditional wax and dyes: plus new techniques such as tritik, sponging and space dyeing. Ends Saturday.
Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (01-980 2415).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 **LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.** Gunther Herbig cond Dmitry Sitkovetsky violin. **BEETHOVEN:** Overture 'Egmont'. Symphony No 3 'Eroica' **MENDELSSOHN:** Violin Concerto in E minor

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Salutary twist to 'realism'

Soap opera is often regarded, by those who compulsively goggle in outrage at television, as the epitome of our cultural decline. However, it can be argued that the very success of the "popular social realism" of *EastEnders* and *Coronation Street* has given new life to "serious" drama, which increasingly has to be more inventive and less naturalistic to distance itself from the regular early-evening moral tales of our times.

Fay Weldon's *The Life and Loves of a She Devil* was a recent much-admired example of a frolic against naturalism. *Heart of the Country* (BBC2),

TELEVISION

her first original serial for television, which stars Susan Penhaligon, does not have the same overblown burlesque; but with humorous playfulness it takes a plot that is pure soap — businessman runs off with beauty queen leaving naive adulterous wife to cope with two kids — and toys and teases it into something at once more frivolously entertaining and intellectually substantial.

No doubt ideological changes have made it more necessary for contemporary plays to sweeten their social comment, but the comic delight of *Heart of the Country* also makes for more successful drama than, for example, the recent *A Sort of Innocence*, which confined itself to melodramatic realism. This is not to say that Weldon's light fantastic is *better* than the more powerful realist plays. A dynamic culture, however, must always call the bluff of its dominant forms of expression. Realism may seem to be giving us life "as it is", but it is also an artifice, not a neutral recorder.

Also, it has frequently been most successful in serious dramas which depict realities of those removed from its (mainly middle-class) audience — the socially disadvantaged, the physically and mentally handicapped. (*The Singing Detective* is, though, perhaps the supreme work in this extensive "theatre of the handicapped" because it embraced subjective fantasy rather than just depicting another's painful reality.) Weldon, however, starts with the familiar, the cliché of middle-class marital problems, only to undermine it, just as Penhaligon is forced by circumstance to reappraise the struggling single mother whom she used to drive past on the way to school.

Andrew Hislop

The pessimism of the Polish master

CINEMA

David Robinson, at the Berlin Film Festival, reports on Wajda's latest, and Japanese views of wartime atrocities

A Tale of Amorous Accidents is the first film that Poland's greatest director, Andrzej Wajda, has made in his native country since *Man of Iron*, his epic of Solidarity, in 1981. Though this is the first showing, *Accidents* has a copyright date of 1985 — a time when the political situation both of Wajda and of the writer Tadeusz Konwicki, on whose novel the film is based, was still dubious.

Ostensibly a highly romantic tale of young love, it is a deeply pessimistic film. The year is 1939; and, while the teenage hero and heroine agonize through the pain and dramas of first love, the war comes closer and closer. The date the couple choose for a ritual marriage and suicide pact is September 1, the day of the German assault.

There is verbose dialogue, which is particularly disconcerting when it has to be understood through simultaneous translation, and the film is technically disappointing. Much is enigmatic: there are dreams and visions and a ghostly stranger who is Konwicki himself, revisiting the years of his own youth. The ultimate message of the film seems to be that everything that mattered came to an end in 1939. It is significant that, while a prologue says that for a Pole the place of his birth remains ever sacred, the area where the action takes place actually ceased to be Poland with the war, through annexation by the USSR.

The extraterrestrials take over on the ski-slopes: Vera Chytilová's Czech social metaphor in *The Wolf's Den*

Concern over Aids has produced a crop of films, not to speak of hundreds of television programmes; but none of them so far matches the power of a 25-minute, 16mm documentary, **Living with Aids**, made as her master project by a young San Francisco graduate. Tina Di Feliciantonio and her all-woman crew reveal the emotions of dying, rather than the pathology of the disease.

Directly but decently they record the last six weeks of a 22-year-old San Franciscan and the care given to him by five men and women from volunteer groups. More important than medical attention is their capacity for uninhibited, selfless love. They are not embarrassed by their emotions (maybe that is an American trait) or afraid to touch his wasted body and hold him in their arms. At the very end the boy can say "I don't want other people of 22 to die, but if they do I hope they are as lucky as I have been."

What this film, like Mark Huestis's **Coming of Age**, shows is that Aids has produced quite new attitudes to death. Never before has death been so visible, so far ahead, to communities of the very young. The mitigation has been discovered in community: love and friendship are the principal need.

In *Coming of Age* the many friends of a Jewish theatre director, Chuck Solomons, give him a splendid fortieth birthday party knowing that it is also a farewell (he died nine weeks later, last December). There is a gallantry and courage in both of these films which transcends the specifics of the sickness.

The festival's view of death in war is distinctly anti-heroic. The major showpiece, towards the end of the festival, will be Oliver Stone's *Platoon*, a personal recollection of Vietnam which unequivocally shows war as the most senseless and degrading of those activities peculiar to the human kind. Meanwhile two Japanese films have recalled specific horrors of the Second World War.

The script of **The Sea and Poison** is adapted by Shusako Endo from his own novel of 1948, which was itself based on a notorious postwar atrocity trial. The setting is a hospital towards the end of the war. The military deliver the eight-man crew of an American B-29 for purposes of vivisection, which the medical staff, with various motives and various degrees of ethical revulsion, dutifully carry out.

The director Kei Kumai is unsparing in his indictment as in the horror he inflicts on the audience. The surgery is shown in spectacular detail; the surgeon chats disarmingly about California to the man he is about to kill with professional precision; the Japanese soldiers, having gleefully photographed the operation, demand the victim's liver for a ceremonial cook-up. It is a highly accomplished film, depicting realistically and without bigotry the distortion of moral attitudes under pressure.

Cannibalism also features in the feature-length documentary **Forward the Army of God!** directed by Kazuo Hara. Since the 1950s a familiar sight in the centre of Tokyo has been a loudspeaker van, decorated with flags and slogans, from which issues a torrent of angry denunciation of all those who have betrayed Japan.

This is the voice of Kenzo Okuzaki, a veteran of the New Guinea campaign and a fanatic. He permitted Hara's film crew to accompany him on a mission to seek out old wartime comrades. At first he seems just a wild and crazy man, violently assaulting the old soldiers if they do not give him the information he demands. Gradually some method appears in his madness.

He wants to avenge an atrocity: an officer had two men shot and their bodies were subsequently eaten by their starving comrades. Hara ends this bizarre document with the cool report that Mr Okuzaki never found his man but satisified his sense of justice by shooting (not fatally) the guilty party's son. He is now in gaol, and the Tokyo city centre is spared his diatribes.

A darker reflection on human folly of a different kind is Vera Chytilová's **The Wolf's Den**. This is a political allegory disguised (as the climate in Czechoslovakia demands) as science-fiction horror. A group of young people on a skiing course discover too late that their instructors are extraterrestrials. These leaders maintain control by constant shifts of tactics, from paternalism to sadism and murder, from bribery and cajolery to inciting dissention within the group. The film's narrative and technical shortcomings — including hideous camerawork — betray its bold social metaphor.

OPERA

Camacho's Wedding
Playhouse, Oxford

Visitors to this year's Oxford University Opera Club production will be joining a rather exclusive circle, for at the moment only a few hundred people in all the world can make the proud boast that they have seen Mendelssohn's *Die Hochzeit des Camacho*, and I cannot think that the number will ever be very much inflated. There was a production in Berlin in 1827, but since then the score, which Mendelssohn published two years later, has been quietly singing to itself on library shelves.

Neglect on such a scale suggests a powerful degree of worthlessness, but in fact *Camacho* might conceivably have been even worse. Mendelssohn wrote it when he was turning 16 and, though it has nothing like the fluency and precision of the Octet that was soon to follow, there are some signals, particularly in woodwind chording, of the *Midsummer Night's Dream* Overture. What is not to be heard is any indication that a dramatic genius was in the making, and indeed Mendelssohn made no further attempt at opera for 20 years.

The score contains instead, of course, the echoes one would expect a gifted boy to introduce, from *The Magic Flute*, from Weber, and I dare say from Spohr, though to mention these names, even the last, is to be adopting too high a level of discourse. Much of *Camacho* is too weak to exhibit any style at all, and perhaps the best comparison would be with such a piece as Liszt's *Don Sanche*, similarly the work of a boy whose creative strengths lay elsewhere.

The very blandness of the opera, which is adapted from an episode in Cervantes, presents a certain problem to the producer, and Duncan Watt's appeal to Breughel is ingenious, even if Breughel in hand-me-down costumes tends to look like village pantomime.

The musical direction is by Clive Brown, conducting his own edition based on Mendelssohn's unperformed 1829 score; and very possibly the orchestra reproduces what a pit band of the time might have sounded like. Restoration work has also been necessary on the text, which John Warrack translates with quite appropriate swerves between Romantic sentiment and 20th-century demotic.

The central lovers are Yvonne Barclay, bright and poignant in her two big arias, and Christopher Ventris, who was bravely fighting a throat infection. Christopher Parke ably sings the part of the heavy father, and David Guest produces a visionary dourness to go with his gangling impersonation of Don Quixote. Howard Milner offers an ironical student to mastermind the triumph of true love over riches.

Paul Griffiths

Plethora of divergent elements

THEATRE

Julius Caesar
New Vic, Bristol

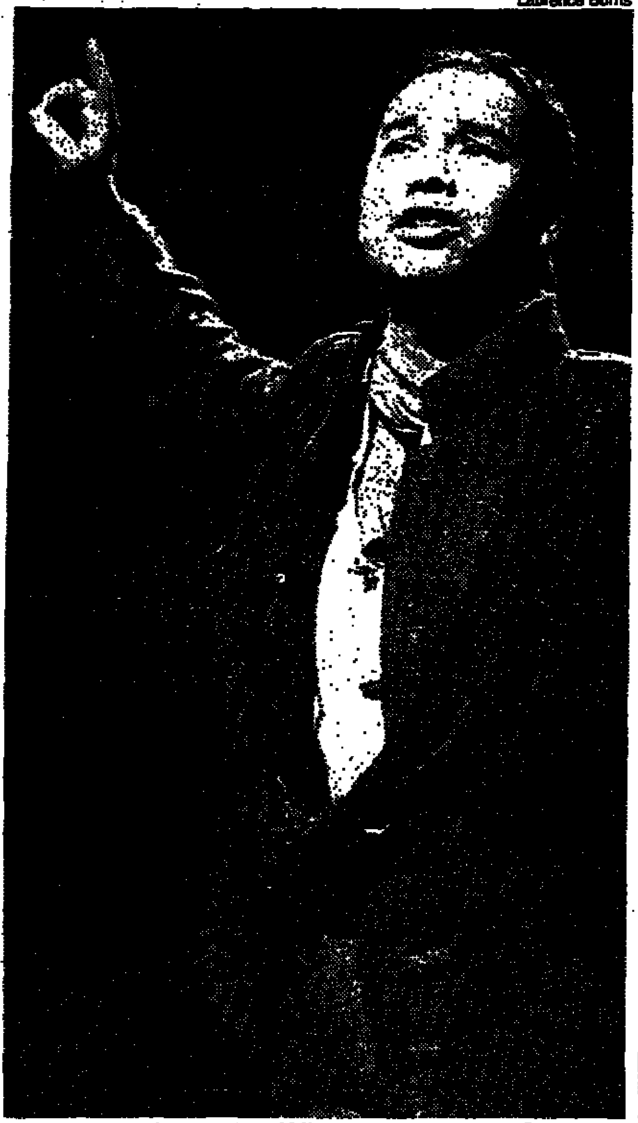
It is grotesquely ironic that the Bristol Theatre Royal should have been caught in the crossfire between centralized and local arts funding at the moment of embarking on a vigorous new policy which, among other things, addresses the very question of professional versus community work which is the chief cause of bureaucratic conflict.

The policy is to combine main-house production with multi-ethnic touring shows, cast so as to reflect the various population groups with no sacrifice in performance standards. It is a boldly imaginative scheme, but at the risk of sounding evasive I think the aims of Company 3 would have emerged more clearly if their opening production had not coupled multi-ethnic casting with so many other divergent elements.

Roger Rees's cast includes Caribbean, Asian and Liverpool-Chinese actors, but there are only 10 of them — which means that *Julius Caesar* has to get along without a mob, that ladies are pressed into battledress for Philippi, and that prominent corpses are apt to arise discreetly and fulfil humble duties in the following scene. Doubling is a feeble word for the dizzying multiplication of hydra-headed resurrections.

The visual style is one of modern dress with period additions, beginning with oak garlands and breastplates over business suits and subsequently going over the top when, following the funeral oration, two car-tyres roll over the darkened stage as a prelude to the "necklacing" of Cinna, the poet. When Brutus posts guard, armed with Roman weapons, in his tent and asks Lucius to touch his instrument, this turns out to be a small tape recorder.

Laurence Burns



Strongly illuminating: David Yip's high-speed Mark Antony

Fitfully flaring up amid the smoke, darkness and crashing anachronisms there are two powerfully illuminating performances from David Yip and Peter Straker. Mr Yip's Antony is a neat, high-speed little politician who reveals himself as a "masker" well before that insult is hurled in his face. After the assassination, he greets the conspirators with the usual show of wary conciliation — which is no preparation at all for the tremendous explosion of grief-stricken hatred he releases as soon as he is alone with the corpse. The funeral oration itself is built on a thrilling curve of controlled delirium, all the more impressive given the scarcity of the mourners.

Mr Straker, beginning as a balefully subdued Cassius with the pent-up energy of a coiled spring, subsequently ascends into his own vein of passionate hysteria which connects brilliantly with the unstable essence of the character. It is also clear from the start that he regards Brutus as a liability who unfortunately has to be taken on board for political reasons. Leo Wringer's Brutus, persuasive as a gently meditative companion, has nothing like the same authority, and goes to pieces in addressing the mob. As a show it is only fitfully impressive, but it is a hopeful sign of better things to come.

Irving Wardle

● The New Shakespeare Company's 1987 season at the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park opens on June 1 with Ben Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair*, performed to mark the 350th anniversary of the author's death. The other plays in the season, the first under the artistic directorship of Ian Talbot, are Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. The season is to run for an extra week this year, ending on September 12.

ROCK

Cyndi Lauper
Hammersmith Odeon

On the face of it, Cyndi Lauper looked like a model of somebody's warped contrivance: dressed in a black, laced bodice, stockings and suspenders, and a red mini-crinoline that was discarded during "She Bop" to reveal a common-or-garden corset, she paraded around singing with a voice as spiky as her straggly blonde hair-style. Ironically, by the end of a strangely low-key show, a much stronger impression was that of a performer more concerned than most to convey a natural impression of herself.

Lauper was nearing 30 by the time she released her first solo album, *She's So Unusual*, in 1984. Sales are now reckoned to be around the ten million mark. But her ascent to the ranks of the rock glitterati has only made her cleave harder to the Bronx dialect of her speech and the appalling dress-sense for which she spent so much of her life being ridiculed.

The music has more conventional foundations, and with a band of seasoned campaigners, including Rick Derringer on guitar, she works her way through a repertoire rooted in sound musical principles. Her voice is capable of extremes of tenderness and power, and a reflective song like "Boy Blue" gave her ample opportunity to demonstrate both, but with its rather brittle quality her singing lacked the warmth to do full justice to Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On".

The pairing of "Time After Time", a torch-song of sufficient gravity to have attracted the attention of Miles Davis, and the barnstorming rocker "Money Changes Everything" indicated the range of her prowess if it did not reconcile the contradictions inherent in her playful Barbie-doll-on-acid look and the serious intent of her music. Her encore rallying-cry of "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" was no more of an explanation.

David Sinclair

GALLERIES

Rose Barton
Fine Art Society

***Rose Barton* is hardly the kind of artist that a major commercial gallery would be very likely to take seriously enough to give a major show. She lived from 1856 to 1929, and painted in ladylike fashion in watercolour, little landscapes and townscapes and occasional fancy pieces and views of gardens. She was never exactly advanced, and some years before the end of her long and active life she was very definitely a back number.**

Not that that seems to have much worried her: she went right on painting, exhibiting at the Royal Watercolour Society and practising her spare-time hobby of betting on the horses (it is recorded that she backed two winners the day she died). If she has been seen at all in London of late it must have been in one of Christopher Wood's spring miscellanies of garden artists.

But now her moment has come, with a show all to herself which began in Cork, is now at the Fine Art Society (until March 6) and then moves back to Ireland with dates in Belfast and Kilkenny. No one is likely to make a big thing of her, and it would be absurd if the idea got abroad. But, on the other hand, it is an unadulterated pleasure to see her intensely evocative scenes of misty London in the days of the hansom cab and the pea-souper, or her summer gardens and cute, sub-Kate Greenaway children. And she was, clearly, in her own way a pro: it is a tiny square of ivory she covers, but she covers it in her own fashion.

Though it is unlikely she will ever end up hanging in the Tate, there might well be a corner for her somewhere in the welcoming arms of the British Museums's Department of Prints and Drawings, pending the next mad selection presented to an unsuspecting but compliant public.

John Russell Taylor

Theban Verdi

Dr Renzo Giacchieri is very pleased with his "ancient" Egyptian obelisk made of British steel, but is less certain about the plastic crocodile.

Dr Giacchieri was bringing us up to date with preparations for a unique production of Verdi's *Aida* in the authentic Theban setting at the Temple of Luxor in Egypt. The nine performances he will direct in May will feature 550 members of the Arena di Verona, of which he is a former general manager, supported by 350 extras from the Egyptian army. Placido Domingo will sing on the opening night.

There will also be 100 doves, 90 Nubians - "for once no make-up will be required" - and two leopards. For those in the audience without a view of the Nile, "we will have a little bit of plastic Nile on stage. The crocodile will be plastic too, I hope."

Verdi was commissioned to write the opera by the Khedive Ismail Pasha of Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal, and its world premiere was staged in Cairo in 1871. This, however, will be its first performance amid the colonnades and sphinxes of the Pharaohs.

Fauzi Mitwali, the organizer and sponsor, described his project as a blend of Egyptian culture, Italian art and British technology. He has already recovered the costs — about $10 million — through the sale of 25,000 tickets, and is now negotiating for television coverage.

Mitwali was moved to operatic lyricism when asked whether he anticipated any problems with the weather. "If you feel raindrops in Luxor, they will be tears of joy from Verdi," he proclaimed.

Gavin Bell

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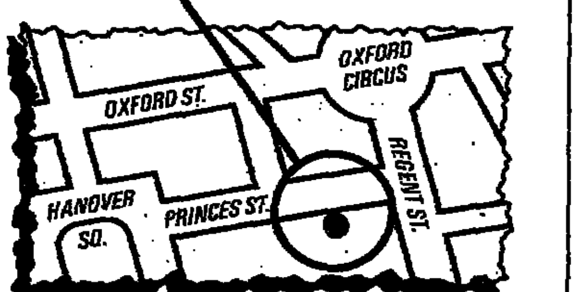

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1584.9 (+25.7)

FT-SE 100
1973.1 (+26.3)

Bargains
45554 (44104)

USM (Datastream)
150.28 (+1.34)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5385 (+0.0005)

W German mark
2.8101 (-0.0098)

Trade-weighted
69.5 (-0.4)

North Sea oil dips below $16

North Sea oil prices dropped below $16 a barrel yesterday for the first time this year, cutting Government taxation revenue and delivering an eve-of-Budget reminder to the Chancellor of the instability of the present Opec agreement on prices and production.

The price of Brent crude for April delivery fell to just under $16, a decline of 30 cents. But oil analysts expect prices to firm towards the end of this month when the latest Opec output statistics are announced.

Tan Sri Khoo debt package

Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Singapore businessman, does not have enough cash to repay creditors at the National Bank of Brunei and a rescue package being planned would settle his debts in three years, it was revealed in Singapore.

Bankers and lawyers representing 33 banks with B$450 million in inter-bank deposits heard that under the proposal, repayments would be made at a rate of 25 per cent in the first two years and 50 per cent in the third. Interest would be cut to the Brunei inter-bank rate plus a premium subject to negotiation.

Ryman denial

Mr Stephen Billyeald, managing director of Ryman, denied speculation that Mrs Jennifer d'Abo would step down as chairman of the company, after her resignation as a director of the Stormgard fashion group on Monday.

Sterling work

Sir Jeffrey Sterling has taken over as chairman of European Ferries following the resignation of Mr Geoffrey Parker.

L&N battle

The battle for control of London & Northern switched to the stock market yesterday, following Demerger Two's announcement that it had won acceptances of just under 64 per cent. Shares in L&N jumped 6.5p to 72p, with both sides believed to have been buying.

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Profit doubles

BTR Nylex, the 59 per cent-owned Australian subsidiary of BTR, boosted pretax profits from £20 million to just above £44 million last year. The company makes a range of industrial products, including conveyor belts, hose, plastic and hydraulic components.

Coloroll deal

Coloroll Group has agreed to pay £2.5 million for Cartwright & Edwards, a subsidiary of Federated Potteries that manufactures earthenware products.

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New York	
Dow Jones	2234.67 (+11.39)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	20186.33 (+109.85)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2873.58 (+25.39)
Amsterdam: Gen	263.9 (+1.2)
Sydney: AO	1584.8 (-12.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1719.0 (+4.0)
Brussels:	
General	4164.09 (+21.65)
Paris: CAC	422.7 (+1.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	530.40 (+4.20)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	87.36 (-0.30)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Ramus Holdings	145p (+30p)
BPP Holdings	250p (+20p)
Merivale Moore	320p (+30p)
Marler Estates	1085p (+40p)
Apex Prop.	120p (+27p)
Wellcome	514p (+36p)
Macarthys Pharmac	475p (+50p)
Pittard Group	228p (+30p)
Securicor 'A'	214p (+24p)
T Cowie	383p (+78p)
A Cohen 'A'	590p (+50p)
Tate & Lyle	754p (+22p)
Glaxo	1625p (+59p)
ICI	1448p (+43p)
Beecham	549p (+19p)
FALLS:	
Natwest	584p (-23p)
Smith Inds.	320p (-20p)
Vickers	486p (-12p)
Fisons	625p (-20p)
Barclays	538p (-11p)

Prices are as at 4pm.

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 10¾-10 11/16%
3-month eligible bills: 10 11/32-10 9/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 5 13/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.45-5.44%*
30-year bonds 100 9/32-100 3/16*

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£: DM2.8101	$: DM1.8290*
£: SwFr2.3654	$: SwFr1.5390*
£: FFr9.3664	$: FFr6.0870*
£: Yen236.23	$: Yen153.57*
£: Index: 69.5	$: Index: 104.0
ECU £n/a	SDR £0.817134

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr.) pm $15.85bbl ($16.40)
* Denotes latest trading price

Ferruzzi set to cut Berisford stake

British Sugar bids blocked

By Carol Ferguson

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has blocked rival bids by Tate & Lyle and Gruppo Ferruzzi for control of British Sugar.

Ferruzzi is also likely to be forced to reduce its 23.7 per cent interest in S&W Berisford, British Sugar's parent company, to 15 per cent.

In rejecting Tate & Lyle's conditional bid for S&W Berisford, the MMC pointed out that the merger would give Tate 95 per cent of the supply of sugar and sugar products in Britain. It concluded that the consequent reduction in competition would probably lead to price increases and reduced standards of service.

However, in recognition of the commercial disadvantages to Tate & Lyle, a cane refiner, compared with British Sugar, a beet sugar producer, the report recommended that the Government should press for improved cane margins with the European Economic Community.

The MMC's raised three objections to Ferruzzi's proposed acquisition of 70 per cent of British Sugar for £425 million:

- Higher prices would be inevitable because the merger might be expected to restrict the ability of merchants and leading users to import sugar into Britain from the rest of the EEC;
- The merger would mean Ferruzzi controlled nearly 25 per cent of EEC beet sugar quotas, giving it an influence which it could use against British interests; and
- The continued survival of independent cane refining in Britain would be in doubt.

Tate & Lyle said it was very disappointed that the plan to unify the British sugar industry had been turned down.

Mr Neil Shaw, Tate's group managing director, said yesterday: "Europe is the market place, not Britain, and 15 per cent of the European market is not a monopoly."

Mr Peter Jacobs, managing director of British Sugar, said he was delighted to have a resolution on the ownership of British Sugar, and that Berisford was happy to continue as 100 per cent owner.

The National Farmers' Union expressed its doubts, saying the future of British Sugar remained uncertain.

Mr Martin Howard, assistant to the president of the NFU, said there was still a question mark over what Berisford would do with British Sugar. "In the past, they have made it clear that they wanted to divest, although more recently they have said that they wanted to keep it.

"The NFU is concerned that, whatever happens to British Sugar, there is some stability," he added. "As long as it is owned by commodity traders, there is obviously an element of doubt."

Responding to the NFU's doubts, Mr Jacobs of British Sugar said: "We do not wish to divest British Sugar, nor have we ever sought a buyer. Bid approaches from Hillsdown, Ferruzzi and Tate have all been unsolicited."

Expressing its disappointment with the decision, Ferruzzi said it still believed its proposed acquisition of a 70 per cent interest in British Sugar would benefit Britain, and is reviewing its options.

The requirement that Ferruzzi reduce its 23.7 per cent interest in Berisford is to be carried out over a two-year period. The MMC felt it might operate against the public interest and ordered Ferruzzi to reduce it to 15 per cent, equivalent to Tate's stake.

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BATTLE FOR BRITISH SUGAR

Early 1986	Negotiations between S&W Berisford and Ferruzzi indicate a £340 million price tag for British Sugar and £140 million buyout terms for the rest of the business
Mar 17	Ferruzzi's banking advisers buy 9 per cent stake in S&W Berisford
Apr 4	Hillsdown Holdings launches £486 million bid for S&W with the backing of Ferruzzi's 9 per cent stake
Apr 30	Tate & Lyle announces intention to make a conditional £478 million offer for S&W Berisford and to sell back the non-British Sugar interest to a management buyout team for about £200 million
May 20	Reference to Monopolies and Mergers Commission of the Tate & Lyle and Hillsdown Holdings bids for S&W Berisford
May 29	Hillsdown sells 14.7 per cent stake in S&W Berisford to Ferruzzi and bows out of bid battle
Jun 26	Ferruzzi asks for MMC inquiry into its S&W Berisford holding and outlines its interest in buying British Sugar
Jul 3	Ferruzzi's possible acquisition of S&W Berisford referred to the MMC
Nov 20	Ferruzzi unveils £425 million deal to purchase 70 per cent of British Sugar
Jan 16, 1987	MMC report passed to Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

CBI enters US trade battle

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday swung into action over the growing threat of increased trade protection in the United States and said it was considering sending a top-level delegation to Washington in a bid to defuse the row.

While US action on imports of British gin and French cognac has been averted, there is increasing concern that on top of the unresolved dispute over funding of the Airbus, European exports to America of telecommunications equipment and machine tools will be hit.

Directors from some of Britain's leading companies, attending the monthly meeting of the CBI policy-making council in London yesterday, demanded action to impress on American politicians and government leaders the consequences of protectionism.

Mr David Nickson, the CBI president, said: "The stakes are very high — the greatest single threat to world trade and economic prosperity is US protectionism. But this is no longer only a threat: it is already a reality.

"Battle has already been engaged and the rattle of machine gun fire has already been heard."

The Democrats, the "pack leaders" of protectionism, were now in control of Congress and the Senate "and they are baying more strongly". And there were 100 draft bills on trade before the House of Representatives.

Although there is no timing for the proposed British industrial mission, Mr Nickson indicated that strong pressure would be brought on the American political establishment through CBI contacts in the US, chambers of trade and the American National Association of Manufacturing. Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI director-general, said he would also be lobbying the American Chamber of Commerce in London, the Department of Trade and Industry and Unice, the European grouping of industry federations.

Mr Nickson added: "The authority of the President has up to now represented a bastion against the cries for increased protectionism."

Mr Nickson said that the main potential dispute between the US and Britain now was the scale of government subsidies to the European Airbus programme. But he said it was essential that negotiations on this and other issues be conducted through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Out on a wing: Sir Ian and Randolph Fields (left) waving their launch colours yesterday

One-plane airline launched

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent.

A new airline, Highland Express Airways, was launched yesterday by Sir Ian MacGregor, former chairman of the Coal Board, and Mr Randolph Fields, an American lawyer, who plan to offer transatlantic flights from Prestwick at an introductory one-way price of £99.

The airline, of which Sir Ian is chairman, raised £5.5 million from local businessmen and the Industry Department for Scotland.

It has leased a 747-100 jumbo jet which has flown for 38,000 hours. It is planned to begin services to both Toronto and New York from May 30.

"We have already taken on 11 employees, ten of whom were unemployed before" said Mr Fields

Sir Ian complained last night that British Coal Enterprises had gone back on an agreement to provide £1 million worth of Government money to help him launch the new airline. British Coal said it never gave reasons for turning down applications to British Coal Enterprises.

Brazil stops some debt repayments

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Brazil is blocking repayments of principal on short-term debt, requiring creditor banks to relend the money to Brazilian borrowers.

It also appears that Brazil is intending to pay out only $6-$7 billion (£4-£4.5 billion) in loan interest this year instead of the estimated $11 billion owed to creditors. A report in a Brazilian newspaper quoting a "high government official" said this limit would form part of Brazil's negotiating position when it meets creditor banks in New York this weekend.

Brazil did not formally announce the suspension of short-term debt repayments when it introduced the 90-day interest repayment freeze on long-term bank debt last week, but has been informing banks of the suspension as the short-term loans mature.

Although interest on the loans is still being paid to the banks, the principal is being blocked by Brazil's central bank in an offshore account, virtually requiring the creditor banks to relend the money. Brazil holds about $20 billion in short-term bank debt.

American regulators are expected soon to downgrade Brazil's credit rating, which so far has remained high among debtor countries.

Meanwhile, Señor Juan Sourrouille, Argentina's economy minister, yesterday announced a new package of measures, including wage and price controls, an interest rate cut and a currency devaluation, to curb a recent surge in inflation.

Argentinian officials are meeting Western bankers in New York to reschedule some $30 billion of debt.

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Brazil's suspension of interest payments was only temporary. "The matter will be successfully resolved in negotiations between Brazil and its private creditors," he said.

US forecast

Dr Henry Kaufman, chief economist at Salomon Bros, said he expects at least one more cut in the US discount rate by the middle of the year, probably by half a point.

British Gas loses industrial monopoly

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The British Gas monopoly on supplying industrial customers is being broken only three months after the industry was privatized.

In its first annual report the Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas), the body set up by the Government to oversee gas supplies in Britain, reveals that until the end of last year there had been 21 applications to start operating private gas supply systems and five inquiries from gas producers wanting access to the British Gas national grid of pipelines to supply potential customers.

Ofgas has since had further inquiries from potential suppliers of gas from landfill sites or from companies prepared to set up gas supply networks, using liquefied gas.

However Ofgas, which was set up in August and will publish a review of its annual operations, will perform its first major task in April when it will ensure that the complex formula used to set gas prices for the domestic consumer is adhered to.

City analysts who have been monitoring British Gas's financial performance since privatization and the world oil price collapse expect that the formula will result in a price cut of about 2 per cent to the domestic consumer.

Mr James McKinnon, the Ofgas director general, said yesterday: "I regard the protection of consumers' interests as of primary importance."

"During the coming months I propose to undertake a series of fact-finding visits to the various regions where I intend to meet representatives of local authorities, the caring agencies, industry and the media.

"By this means I hope to get across the message of my concern for the consumer," he added.

Hepworth set to bid for Birmid

By Michael Tate

The City is now expecting Hepworth Ceramic to announce full takeover terms for Birmid Qualcast today or tomorrow.

In four hours yesterday, behind closed doors at SG Warburg's offices in the City, the chairman, Professor Roland Smith and the chief executive, Mr Sinclair Thomson, were unable to convince their counterparts at Birmid of the benefits of a merger.

The Birmid board, led by the chairman, Mr Tommy Macpherson, claimed that Hepworth's case "appeared to reflect weaknesses in Hepworth Ceramic rather than provide any opportunities or meaningful benefits for Birmid Qualcast."

The Birmid board made it clear that it would not welcome an offer from Hepworth. It advised shareholders not to sell their shares.

Mr Thomson last night described the Birmid statement as "impertinent."

No terms were put on the table at yesterday's meeting and in the light of the upsurge in the Birmid share price — it has come up from 187p last Friday when Hepworth's interest in 4.9 per cent of the share capital was first disclosed to 273p last night — the Hepworth camp is reviewing the situation.

It now has 10.2 per cent of the Birmid capital following purhcases in the market.

Prior Harwin creditors delay wind-up petition

By Lawrence Lever

Creditors of Prior Harwin, the licensed dealer under threat of winding up by the Department of Trade and Industry, won a temporary reprieve in the High Court yesterday.

Counsel for the DTI agreed a seven-day adjournment of the department's petition to wind up the firm. This came after a move to oppose the winding up from an action group of British Gas shareholders who dealt through Prior Harwin and face losing half their money.

The group wanted time to consider applying for an administration order under the new Insolvency Act. It hopes that the appointment of an administrator would create time for Prior Harwin to find financial backing, allowing the 250 British Gas shareholders in the group to recover their money in full.

However, Mrs Judith Lyons, the solicitor representing the action group, said yesterday that if the DTI move to wind up the company showed evidence of fraud or gross negligence, it would not oppose the winding up.

Action group members sold their British Gas shares through Prior Harwin but have not received their money.

Economic picture brightens nationwide

£3bn deficit fall forecast

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research, which six months ago sent the pound tumbling with a gloomy balance of payments forecast, has dramatically cut its prediction of the 1987 deficit.

The Institute, in its latest Economic Review, now forecasts a current account deficit of £2.6 billion this year, not significantly out of line with the consensus view.

Six months ago, the prediction was for a £5.8 billion deficit and in November, the Institute forecast a £5.6 billion deficit.

The sudden improvement in prospects, the review says, has come about because of the effect of the pound's value on invisible earnings. Every 10 per cent fall in sterling's average value adds £2 billion to interest, profit and dividends on overseas financial assets, most of which are denominated in foreign currency.

The Government adjusted its view of invisible earnings for similar reasons last November. Monthly earnings on invisibles are estimated at £800 million a month, a figure consistent with the National Institute's forecast of a £9.4 billion surplus on invisible trade for the year.

The other reason why the Institute has cut its forecast for the deficit is the firming of oil prices since the December meeting of the Orgainization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The forecast assumes that prices will stabilize at $18 a barrel, before rising slowly in the future.

However, the forecast is still gloomy on non-oil visible trade. The deficit on goods is predicted to increase from £8.7 billion last year to £11.9 billion this year and to £13.4 billion in 1988.

Optimism spreads north

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A nationwide improvement in industrial prospects, with marked optimism recorded in the previously depressed northern regions, is reported today by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

The organization said a survey of 3,400 companies indicated that brighter prospects for orders and jobs — previously confined to the prosperous southern English counties — were now spreading to the traditional manufacturing heartlands of the Midlands and the North.

The investigation, conducted in the last quarter of 1986, is the first to record an across-the-board improvement since the ABCC began its regional surveys in May 1985.

Percentage balances (the difference between companies reporting decreases and those reporting increases) in five key indicators all show significant rises. The balance for home orders rose from 5 per cent in the third quarter of last year to 21 per cent, export orders from zero to 13 per cent, labour force expectations from 7 to 11 per cent, investment from 19 to 26 per cent.

Confidence, in terms of expectations of future profitability, has generally risen from 22 to 36 per cent.

Results from the northern regions include:

- **Greater Manchester: "Very pronounced" improvement with strongly positive home and export orders and healthy employment prospects. Proportion of companies working at more than 90 per cent capacity has risen from 37 to 44 per cent. Almost a fifth report difficulties in recruiting skilled manual workers.**
- **Merseyside: Home and export deliveries up to positive balances of 31 and 26 per cent and 71 per cent of companies working at more than 80 per cent capacity. However, more companies expect to lose jobs in the coming three months than those increasing employment.**
- **Yorkshire and Humberside: Survey results described as the best for some time. Balance for manufacturing export orders has trebled and exports and employment are encouraging.**
- **North-east: Balance for home and export orders at a high level, although employment expectations and investment are not yet back to the levels of 1985.**
- **Scotland: For the first time in a year, a balance of firms are reporting an increase in optimism, notably in the construction sector, and investment intentions indicate this will not be short-lived. The Aberdeen area remains depressed by the impact of low oil prices.**
- **West Midlands: The region is not experiencing the same degree of improvement. The balance on home orders is zero**

Business expansion is inhibited mostly by high interest rates, with 61 per cent of companies saying this is the chief problem.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Takeovers 'rebuild' Electron House

Electron House says it has been completely transformed by acquisitions since the first half year to November, with turnover now at £40 million a year compared with £6 million previously and profits on continuing activities running at 3½ times previous levels.

Figures to November show the company raised its pretax interim profit to £441,000 compared with £239,000 a year earlier. The dividend is raised from 1.4p tp 1.5p. A loss of £48,000 on activities subsequently disposed of was recorded.

Bank fixes issue price

Scandinavian Bank Group, the eleventh largest bank in Britain, said yesterday that it had already received 22,000 applications for its prospectus, although its share offer does not open until March 4. The bank said the offer price of the shares would be 210p, raising £57.75 million in captial and valuing the group at £167.1 million. A dividend is forecast of not less than 8p for the 1987 financial year.

Matsushita profits fall

Matsushita Electric Industrial, of Osaka, Japan, the world's largest home appliance maker, predictsd 41 billion yen (£169 million) net profit from November 21 to March 31, 1987, down 40 per cent on the previous yearon sales of Y1,420 billion, down 10 per cent. Consolidated net profit fell 33.6 per cent from a year earlier to Y163.66 billion in the year ended November 20, 1986, on sales of Y4,575 billion.

SE surveillance boost

The Stock Exchange's surveillance department is to be augmented to cope with the increased monitoring and supervisory duties imposed by the Financial Services Act. The number of staff is to be increased to about 100 whose duties will be split between the SE and the new self-regulating body for securities business – The Securities Association (TSA).

TSA is likely to have about 700 corporate members – representing between 15,000 and 20,000 individuals dealing in securities. Its annual running costs will be about £7 million. Membership fees will average about 40 per cent of those charged to investment businesses who get authorization direct from the SIB.

Miss World figures better

Profits for Miss World Group, the organizer and promoter of beauty contests headed by Mr Eric Morley (right), were £434,000 in the second half of the financial year to the end of December, against £401,000 in the corresponding half of 1985. Full-year profits rose from £555,000 to £602,000 on turnover up from £969,000 to £1,106,000. A final dividend of 4.5p makes a total of 6p against 5.2p in 1985.

EEC exemptions

The European Community Commission has ruled that Italy, Ireland and Greece will not have to lift restrictions on certain capital movements that are due to be liberalized throughout the EEC from Saturday. The commission approved requests from the three to be exempted temporarily from having to liberalize transactions in foreign securities not quoted on their stock exchanges and securities issued by domestic borrowers on foreign markets. The exemptions for Italy and Ireland will run until the end of this year and for Greece until the end of 1988.

STOCK MARKET

Boots value rises £175m on Japanese buying

By Michael Clark

Almost £175 million was added to the stock market value of **Boots**, the high street chemist, as its share price soared 19p to a new high of 305p yesterday.

Dealers have decided that the company is long overdue for a re-rating because of its activities in the pharmaceutical *industry where it already* boasts a big presence.

Boots has been overlooked by the recent flurry of activity among shares of the big drug producers and is said to be looking cheap at these levels. More than eight million shares changed hands in frenzied late trading with Nomura Securities, the big Japanese securities house, said to be leading the buyers. Nomura is reckoned to be close to publishing a review of the company recommending the shares as a "buy."

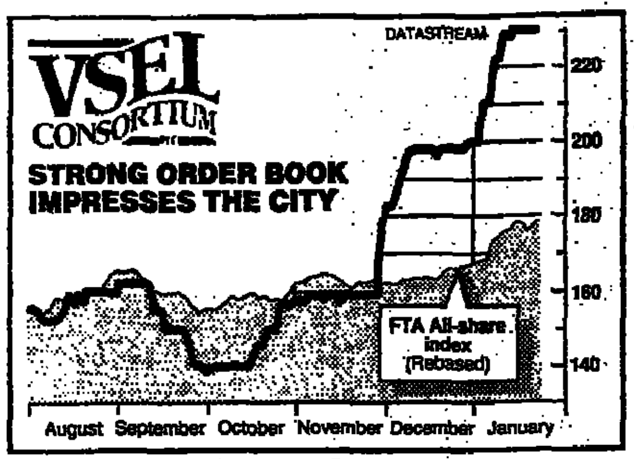
The clamour for drug shares remained as strong as ever yesterday with Glaxo surging through the £16-level for the first time after support overnight from both Japanese and American investors. This followed Tuesday's satellite link-up between the company and analysts in New York, London and Edinburgh. The price closed below its best levels, but was still 82p higher on the day at £16.48 by the close.

Rival **Wellcome** was also enjoying renewed support on growing hopes of its anti-Aids drug Retrovir bursting through the 500p-level with a rise of 43p to a new all-time high of 521p.

ICI, unveiling full year figures later today, enjoyed a late burst of support climbing 40p to £14.45 as 3.1 million shares were traded. Analysts expect pretax profits to top £1 billion compared with £912 million in 1985.

Government securities spent a lacklustre day with losses ranging to £¼ following a disappointing performance by the pound on the foreign exchange.

Shares of **VSEL Consortium**, the submarine and shipbuilder, has come a long way in a short space of time since it was recommended in this column on January 7, at 210p. The price held steady at 341p yesterday – just 4p below its high – and could go even better.



Several leading brokers have been content to chase VSEL steadily higher over recent weeks cheered by the group's impressive order book. Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker which published a review of the group last week, estimates that its order book is now apporaching £2 billion.

Smith & Nephew rose 2p to a new peak of 170p. Word is the group will embark on a US roadshow next month. Dealers expect positive news from the company and increased support from American investors.

Since it became privatized again last year, VSEL has made a conscious effort to *improve its export market and* is in the running to clinch orders for its new £100 million diesel submarines from Canada and Saudi Arabia.

Brazil's debt problem has again become a major issue with the banking sector which kicked off its annual reporting season earlier this week with £1 billion profits from National Westminster Bank.

All the "big four" clearing *banks* were *marked sharply* lower yesterday amid rumours that the Brazilian government was also about to halt capital payments besides interest payments for its overseas loans.

However, prices managed to close above their worst levels as a few cheap buyers appeared on the scene. **Lloyds Bank** finished down 22p at 462p, after 455p, and **Midland** *Bank* 14p to 603p. *Both* are said to have heavy exposure to South America. NatWest also lost 19p at 598p while *Barclays Bank, which is due* to unveil figures later today, eased 8p to 541p. These are expected to show pretax profits *up from £854* million to £905 million.

● **FRANKFURT:** Share prices on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange advanced on a broad front in lively trading yesterday, driven higher by a substantial recovery in the *banking sector, brokers said.* The Commerzbank index, compiled at midday, edged up 4.0 points to 1,719.0, not fully reflecting the markt's later gains.

Woolworth fell 20p to 743p on rumours that Dixons had sold its 5 per cent stake. The price recovered to close a net 12p down on the day at 750p. The guilty party was one of the Morgan Grenfell funds.

Financial issues pulled out of their slump earlier in the week amid a growing perception that most Third World debtor nations will not follow Brazil's example and declare a moratorium on *their foreign* debt, according to brokers.

Analysts expect Brazil and its creditor banks to work out another debt restructuring programme in the coming weeks.

Deutsche Bank climbed DM16.50 to DM652.00. Commerzbank rose DM6.50 to DM254.00 and Dresdner Bank firmed DM4.50 to DM339.50.

● **HONG KONG:** News that the government will trim personal and corporate taxes spurred late buying on Hong Kong stock *market* and drove most prices higher. The Hang Seng index was up 25.39 points to 2,873.58, just a shade below its all-time high of 2,879.01, set on Monday.

● **TOKYO:** Tokyo share prices closed higher on very heavy volume. The Nikkei Dow Jones index, which rose 135.98 points on Tuesday, surged 109.85 points to close at 20.186.33.

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) – Share prices moved slightly higher in moderate, early trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 6.47 points to 2,229.75. Mr Gerald Simmons of Smith Barney said: "The market opened quiet and got pulled higher by the drug stocks again."

But lower oil prices provided further profit-taking opportunities in the energy sector. Rising and falling shares were about evenly matched on a volume of 46 million shares. Merck rose by 3¾ to 156. Exxon fell by 1⅛ to 77¼ and Mobil by ¼ to 41⅝.

On Tuesday, the Dow average closed 6.74 higher at 2,223.28. Volume was 152.2 million shares.

	Feb 24	Feb 23		Feb 24	Feb 23		Feb 24	Feb 23
AMR Cp	59⅝	58⅛	Firestone	35⅝	36⅛	Pepsico	32⅝	32⅝
ASA	40⅝	40⅞	Fst Chicago	32⅜	32⅜	Pfizer	72⅝	71⅛
Aetna Life	65⅝	65⅝	Fst Int Bncp	56⅝	56⅝	Phelps Dod	29⅜	29⅜
Allied Signal	45⅞	46⅛	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10⅝	Philip Mor	84⅝	84½
Allis Chalm	3⅜	3⅛	FT Wachva	42⅛	42⅛	Philip Ptrl	12⅛	12⅝
Alcoa	43⅝	43⅞	Ford Motor	77⅛	76⅜	Polaroid	78⅝	78⅝
Amax Inc	17⅛	17⅛	GAF Cp	45½	45⅝	Proct Gble	85⅝	85⅜
AMR Hess	27⅛	28⅛	GTE Cp	41⅛	41⅛	Pub Svc Eg	42⅜	41⅜
Am Brands	50⅜	51⅛	Gen Cp	77⅝	77⅜	Raytheon	76½	76⅝
Am Can	106⅝	103⅝	Gn Dynam	76½	76	Rynlds Met	53⅝	54
Am Cynmd	94⅞	93⅜	Gen Elect	102	100⅝	Rockwell Int	55⅜	56⅝
Am Ele Pwr	29⅜	29⅝	Gen Inst	25	26	Royal Dutch	101⅜	101½
Amex	69⅛	68⅝	Gen Mills	50½	49⅜	SFE Sopac	32⅝	33⅝
Am Home	86½	85⅜	Gen Motors	76⅝	76⅝	Sara Lee	40⅝	41
Am Motors	3⅜	3½	Gen Pub Ut	25	25⅛	Schlumb	36⅝	37
Am Stand	48⅛	49⅜	Genesco	4½	4⅛	Scott Pap	75	75⅛
Am Telphr	23⅜	23	Georgia Pac	48	47⅛	Seagram	67⅝	67
Amoco Cp	71⅛	72⅝	Gillette	59⅝	59⅜	Sears Roeb	52⅝	51⅜
Armco Steel	8½	8⅝	Goodrich	52⅜	52⅝	Shell Trans	63½	63⅜
Asarco Inc	19⅝	19⅝	Goodyear	54½	54⅜	Singer	43⅝	43⅝
Ashland Oil	62⅛	63⅝	Gould Inc	19⅜	19⅜	Smhkln Bk	107⅝	107
Atl Rchfld	65⅝	67⅛	Grace Cp	54⅜	54⅜	Sony Cp	22⅜	22⅜
Avon Prod	30⅝	30⅝	Grt Atl Pac	29⅝	29	Sth Cal Edi	34⅜	34⅜
Bk Boston	31⅛	31⅛	Greyhnd	36⅜	36	SW Bell	115⅝	115⅜
Bank NY	39⅝	39⅝	Grumen	31½	29½	Std Oil	54⅝	55½
Bankamer	11⅜	11½	Gulf & West	75½	76⅝	Sterl Drug	50⅝	50⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	47⅝	46⅛	Heinz	47⅝	48⅛	Stevens JP	42⅝	42
Beth Steel	9	8⅜	Hercules	63⅝	62⅝	Sun Cmp	55⅝	58
Boeing	52⅞	52⅜	Hewlett Pk	52⅞	52⅞	TRW Inc	105	105½
Boise Casc	75⅞	76⅝	Honeywell	68⅜	69⅜	Teledyne	328⅝	326⅜
Borden	57⅜	57⅝	IC Ind	29⅛	29⅝	Tenneco	44⅝	44⅜
Borg Warnr	42⅝	42⅝	ITT Cp	61⅝	60⅝	Texaco	34⅝	34
Brist Myer	99⅝	98⅛	INCO	14⅝	15⅛	Tex Eastn	33⅜	33⅜
BP	46⅝	46½	Ingersoll	77⅜	77⅛	Tex Inst	158	157⅜
Brunswick	43⅝	43⅝	Inland Steel	24⅜	25⅝	Tex Util	35	35
Burl Ind	47⅝	46	IBM	143⅜	143⅛	Textron	64⅝	65⅝
Burl Nth	65⅝	67⅝	Int Paper	91	92⅛	Travelers	51⅝	50⅜
CBS	156⅝	152	Irving Bk	50⅜	49⅝	UAL Inc	55⅜	54½
CPC Int	47⅝	46⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	84⅞	83	USG	38	39⅝
Cmpbell Sp	62½	61⅛	K Mart Cp	56⅝	57⅝	USX Cp	24	24⅝
Can Pacific	16⅜	16⅜	Kaiser Alum	15⅝	16⅜	Unilever NV	245½	244
Caterpillar	45½	46½	Kerr McGee	30⅝	30⅝	Un Carbide	27⅝	28⅝
Celanese	n.a	245	Kimbl Clark	108⅜	109⅝	Un Pac Cp	73⅛	75⅝
Centrl SW	35⅝	35⅛	Kroger	32⅝	32⅝	Unisys Cp	106⅛	107½
Champion	37⅝	37⅛	LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅝	Utd Brands	48⅝	46⅜
Chase Man	38⅝	38⅛	Litton	86	84	Utd Tech	54⅛	53⅝
Chem NY	46⅝	46⅝	Lockheed	52⅝	53⅛	Unocal	29⅜	29⅝
Chevron	47⅛	47⅞	Lucky Str	28⅝	28⅝	Walter Jim	54⅝	55
Chrysler	48⅝	48⅝	Man H'nver	45⅝	46⅝	Warn Lamb	69⅝	68⅝
Citicorp	54	54½	Manville	2⅝	3	Wells Far	56⅝	57⅝
Clark Eq	24	24	Mapco	60⅝	60⅝	Westg El	64½	63⅝
Coca Cola	44⅞	44⅛	Marine Mid	52⅜	53⅜	Weyerhsr	47	48⅛
Colgate	46⅝	46⅛	Mt Marrietta	44⅜	44⅜	Whirlpool	39⅝	38⅝
Columb Gas	49	49	Masco	35⅜	35⅜	Woolworth	48⅝	48⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	37⅝	38⅛	Mcdonalds	74⅜	74⅛	Xerox Cp	73⅝	72⅜
Cmwlth Edi	37⅜	37⅜	McDonnell	77⅝	78⅜	Zenith	23⅝	23⅜
Cons Edis	45⅝	45½	Mead Cp	66⅜	65⅝			
Cn Nat Gas	38⅛	38	Merck	152⅝	148⅝			
Cons Pwr	17⅛	17⅛	Minsta Mng	125⅝	126⅝			
Cont Data	30	29⅞	Mobil	41⅝	42⅝			
Corning Gl	57⅝	57⅝	Monsanto	76⅝	76			
Crane	43⅛	43⅛	Morgan Jp	44⅜	45⅜			
Curtiss Wrt	59⅝	59½	Motorola	48⅜	47			
Data Genl	35⅝	35⅛	NCR	62⅝	62⅝			
Deere Cp	29⅝	29⅝	NL Indstrs	6⅜	6⅜			
Delta Air	63⅝	63⅜	Nat Distill	58⅜	59⅜			
Detroit Edi	18⅝	18⅝	Nat Md Ent	25⅜	25⅜			
Digital Eq.	152½	152⅝	Nat Semi	15⅜	15			
Disney	58⅝	58⅝	Norfolk Sth	95⅝	96⅝			
Dow Chem	76⅝	75⅝	NW Bancrp	42⅜	42⅛			
Dresser Ind	25⅛	25⅛	Occid Petl	31⅛	31⅛			
Dupont	97⅛	99⅜	Ogden Cp	59⅛	58⅝			
Duke Pwr	47⅝	47⅜	Olin Cp	49⅝	50			
East Kodak	77⅝	79	Owens Ill	60⅛	59⅝			
Eaton Cp	83⅜	83½	PPG Ind	84⅝	85⅝			
Emerson El	104⅞	103⅞	Pac Gas El	26⅝	26⅝			
Emery Air	12	12	Pan Am	5⅝	4⅝			
Exxon	78½	80	Penney JC	96	94½			
Fed Dpt Sts	93⅝	93½	Pennzoil	77⅝	78½			

CANADIAN PRICES

	Feb 24	Feb 23
Agnico Eag	28⅝	28⅝
Alcan Alum	49	49½
Algoma Stl	10½	10⅝
Can Pacific	22⅛	21⅝
Cominco	16⅝	16⅝
Con Bathrst	17⅜	18
Hkr Sid Can	26⅝	26½
Hdsn B Mn	26⅝	26⅜
Imasco	35	34⅝
Imperial Oil	56⅝	56⅝
Int Pipe	43⅝	44
Royl Trstco	32⅝	32½
Seagram	89⅝	89⅝
Shelco 'A'	22⅜	22⅜
Thmsn N 'A'	33½	33⅝
Varity Cp	3.40	3.35
WCT	14⅝	14⅝
Weston	35⅝	35⅜

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	1,900	Gen Accident	455	Redland	427
Amstrad	2,800	GEC	10,000	Reckitt Colman	217
ASDA-MFI	21,000	Glaxo	6,100	Reed Int	944
Ass Br Foods	287	Globe IT	814	Reuters	283
BET	338	Granada	1,200	RMC Group	357
BTR	7,700	Grand Met	2,300	RTZ	2,000
BAT	2,500	GUS 'A'	299	Rowntree	382
Barclays	4,500	GRE	252	Royal B of Scot	585
Bass	447	GKN	2,200	Royal Ins	1,200
Beecham	5,300	Guinness	10,000	Saatchi	360
Blue Circle	814	Hammerson Pry 'A'	702	Sainsbury (J)	389
BOC	2,300	Hanson	9,300	Scot Newell	1,000
Boots	8,200	Hawker Siddeley	931	Sears	1,500
BPB Ind	824	Hillsdown	2,300	Sedgwick Gp	1,700
BPCC	983	Imp Chem Ind	3,100	Shell	4,300
Br Aerospace	2,300	Imp Cont Gas	708	Smith & Nephew	3,800
Br Airways	---	Jaguar	547	STC	3,900
Br Gas	38,000	Ladbroke	623	Stan Chart	265
Br Petroleum	8,700	Land Securities	753	Storehouse	3,800
Br Telecom	4,700	Legal & Gen	1,100	Sun Alliance	534
Britoil	10,000	Lloyds	5,500	Tarmac	922
Bunzl	1,200	Lonrho	2,200	TSB P/P	2,400
Burton	3,100	Marks & Spencer	3,700	Tesco	1,600
Cable & Wireless	2,200	MEPC	1,200	Thorn EMI	3,000
Cadbury Schwep	6,400	Midland	3,800	Trafalgar House	1,500
Coats Viyella	691	Nat West	9,200	Trusthouse Forte	1,000
Com Union	4,500	P & O Dfrd	1,100	Unigate	1,400
Cons Goldfields	1,100	Pearson	1,000	Unilever	507
Cookson Gp	445	Pilkington Bros	1,600	Utd Biscuits	996
Courtaulds	878	Plessey	11,000	Wellcome	9,900
Dee Corp	1,700	Prudential	282	Willis Faber	198
Dixons Gp	5,000	Racal Elect	23,000	Whitbread 'A'	1,800
English China	1,300	Rank Org	740	Woolworth	1,400
Fisons	3,100	Rank Hovis	397	See prices page 20	

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.51	89.56	89.47	89.50	1744
Jun 87	90.12	90.21	90.06	90.07	2704
Sep 87	90.30	90.32	90.20	90.20	240
Dec 87	90.34	90.34	90.20	90.20	208
Mar 88	90.26	90.26	90.26	90.11	5
Jun 88	N/T	----	----	89.93	0
Previous day's total open interest 19374					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 30368			
Mar 87	93.57	93.61	93.57	93.61	1499
Jun 87	93.65	93.70	93.65	93.69	2497
Sep 87	93.65	93.68	93.65	93.67	250
Dec 87	93.56	93.58	93.56	93.57	105
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 3857			
Mar 87	100-25	101-06	100-23	101-03	3729
Jun 87	99-26	100-07	99-25	100-03	138
Sep 87	N/T	----	----	99-04	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 66			
Mar 87	100-10	100-10	100-10	100-10	3
Jun 87	N/T	----	----	----	0
Sep 87	N/T	----	----	----	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 17885			
Mar 87	118-10	118-14	117-25	117-30	23646
Jun 87	118-20	118-25	118-04	118-08	10725
Sep 87	N/T	----	----	118-03	0
Dec 87	N/T	----	----	188-07	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 4861			
Mar 87	196.70	198.60	196.70	198.00	840
Jun 87	201.30	202.30	201.30	201.75	62

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co.	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, P.L.C.

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1987 for the preparation of the half-yearly dividend payable on the FIRST PREFERENCE SHARES for the six months ending 31st March, 1987. The dividend will be paid on 1st April, 1987.

For Transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Goring - by - Sea, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 6DA, not later than 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1987.

By Order of the Board
D.W. Chesterman
Company Secretary

Shell Centre
London, SE1 7NA
26th February, 1987

WATES CITY OF LONDON PROPERTIES plc

Preliminary Announcement

Audited Group results and balance sheet for the year ended 31st December 1986

HIGHLIGHTS

- Profit before exceptional item £7.72m (1985 £4.021m)
- Final dividend increased by 15%
- Net assets per share increased by 24% from 127.4p* to 158.4p

* Adjusted for Rights Issue

WATES CITY

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Br Airways (aa)	110 +2
Daniels S (130p)	197 -3
Dale Group (110p)	126 +1
Fletcher King (175p)	188 -2
Gaynor (94p)	120 -1
Geest (125p)	220
Glentree (16p)	50
Gordon Russell (190p)	237
Halls Homes (95p)	153 -2
Harmony Leisure (23p)	29
Hewetson (70p)	84 -2
Hornby (100p)	90 +1
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	181 -1
Johnson Fry (150p)	183
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	27
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	186 -2
Logitek (65p)	75 -2
Lon & Metro (145p)	208 +2
MIL (144p)	164
Mayborn (102p)	115 -3
Nobo (152p)	157 +1
Northumbrian Food (60p)	85 +2
Plum Hldgs (90p)	127 +3
Sanders Sydney (100p)	148 -1
Spandex (170p)	248 +1
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	112
TSB Group (100p)	77½ -½
Virgin (140p)	142 +1
Ward Group (97p)	122

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Anglia TV N/P	71 +3
Burgess N/P	78 +12
Cookson N/P	75 -3
Walker (Alfred) N/P	
Wiggins N/P	38

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*374)	300	82	87	100	1	1½	5
	330	52	62	78	1½	7	13
	360	28	42	52	8	15	20
British Gas (*76)	60	16½	19½	23	½	1	1
	70	8½	12½	16	1½	3	4½
	80	4	8	10½	7	8½	9½
British Airways (*111)	100	15	20	23	2½	7	9
	110	8½	13	17	6½	11	15
	120	4	8	12½	12½	19	24
BP (*729)	700	55	80	95	15	23	35
	750	26	48	70	38	43	53
	800	8	28	43	75	78	85
Cons Gold (*768)	700	85	100	120	13	30	47
	750	50	75	95	32	47	57
	800	24	50	67	64	77	95
Courtaulds (*405)	330	83	89	105	2	3	8
	360	56	67	85	3	8	12
	390	35	47	68	11	17	19
	420	19	36	47	29	35	34
Com Union (*347)	300	49	56	63	4	9	12
	330	27	36	44	13	16	20
	360	16	22	31	33	35	38
Cable & Wire (*383)	325	65	—	—	1	—	—
	350	44	—	—	4½	—	—
	360	—	52	68	—	14	23
	390	19	32	45	22	32	37
GEC (*220)	180	45	54	59	1	2	4
	200	27	35	44	3	6	10
	220	12½	22	29	9	11	16
Grand Met (*492)	390	112	—	—	1	—	—
	420	82	98	113	1	3	6
	460	45	60	77	4	9	13
	500	22	43	52	21	30	33
ICI (*1448)	1250	205	240	270	10	22	30
	1300	155	200	230	13	35	45
	1350	115	165	200	18	45	60
	1400	77	130	163	40	60	75
Land Securities (*363)	300	68	73	81	1	2	3
	330	38	44	53	2	6	9
	360	17	27	37	10	16	20
Marks & Spen (*210)	180	33	37	43	1	3	5
	200	16	24	30	5	9	12
	220	7	13	19	17	20	24
Shell Trans (*1029)	1000	52	75	103	35	42	50
	1050	23	47	75	65	70	77
	1100	15	35	57	107	108	115
Trafalgar House (*318)	280	45	52	63	3	5	9
	300	27	38	50	7	12	17
	330	11	24	35	23	28	34
TSB (*78)	70	9½	12	15	1	2½	2½
	80	4½	6½	9½	4¼	5½	6½
	90	1	3	—	13½	13½	—
Woolworth (*749)	700	70	90	115	6	17	30
	750	45	60	70	33	45	60
	800	20	30	43	70	80	85

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham (*549)	420	135	140	145	1	3	6
	460	95	105	110	2	6	13
	500	58	70	77	6	15	22
	550	17	38	50	20	33	42
Boots (*296)	260	39	44	50	1	5	6
	280	23	31	37	5	10	12
	300	12	20	30½	16	20	22
BTR (*329)	280	55	60	67	1	5	10
	300	35	45	55	4	10	16
	330	12	28	40	12	22	30
Bass (*853)	750	115	135	155	1½	8	12
	800	67	100	120	5	15	28
	850	20	65	90	17	45	48
Blue Circle (*595)	650	52	62	80	8	17	25
	700	20	40	52	20	23	43
	750	6	20	32	62	72	77
De Beers (*980)	850	140	160	185	6	22	37
	900	100	125	150	15	35	50
	950	65	95	130	30	50	75
	1000	35	70	110	65	90	105
Dixons (*377)	300	80	90	100	1	2	4
	330	50	66	76	3	7	11
	350	26	42	54	8	16	20
GKN (*342)	280	64	67	74	1	3	4
	300	44	48	54	1½	7	10
	330	19	27	35	7	14	17
	360	9	17	23	23	31	34
Glaxo (*1627)	1250	385	425	455	2	8	17
	1300	335	375	410	1	12	25
	1350	285	330	365	3	22	35
Glaxo continued	1400	235	280	325	7	25	48
Hanson (*166)	120	46½	—	—	½	—	—
	135	31½	36½	39½	1	2	3
	150	17	24	28	1½	4½	6½
	165	6½	14½	20	5½	9½	11½
Jaguar (*612)	500	115	130	147	1	2	5
	550	65	85	102	1	11	13
	600	27	50	70	11	27	33
Thorn EMI (*582)	460	126	142	150	1	2	2
	500	88	103	113	2	4	7
	550	40	60	77	6	17	23
	600	14	32	45	30	37	43
Tesco (*450)	390	65	73	90	2	3	9
	420	37	50	70	5	10	18
	460	10	32	38	22	27	30
THF (*211)	180	34	41	47	1	3	4
	200	16	26	34	4	10	15
	220	6	17	26	14	20	25

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*647)	600	63	83	—	15	23	—
	650	35	55	72	43	53	57
	700	20	35	48	72	78	85
BAT Inds (*549)	420	130	145	—	1	1½	—
	460	90	107	—	2	5	—
	500	60	75	88	10	15	18
	550	31	45	62	32	35	40
Barclays (*538)	500	50	65	—	11	18	—
	550	22	35	50	40	45	50
	600	10	15	32	82	85	90
Brit Telecom (*248)	200	53	58	—	1	3	—
	220	35	41	50	3	6	9
	240	21	27	38	8	14	18
Cadbury Schwpps (*259)	240	29	41	50	8	18	18
	260	18	30	36	19	26	30
	280	11	22	—	33	38	—
Guinness (*313)	280	47	60	67	7	13	15
	300	33	52	57	17	23	25
	330	20	30	38	32	37	42
Ladbroke (*434)	390	48	65	—	6	9	—
	420	32	45	58	17	23	25
	460	17	26	37	38	45	50
LASMO (*172)	160	24	33	—	10	13	—
	180	14	20	28	18	21	24
	200	6	14	19	33	34	35
Midland Bank (*599)	550	57	67	—	13	20	—
	600	35	45	57	42	47	50
	650	17	25	37	80	82	85
P & O (*630)	550	87	98	—	4	10	—
	600	50	67	83	18	27	33
	650	20	38	55	40	48	57
Racal (*250)	200	58	67	—	1½	5	—
	220	40	52	60	4	10	13
	240	25	38	44	9	17	22
RTZ (*738)	650	110	124	—	6	10	—
	700	72	90	110	17	25	35
	750	45	65	87	42	50	60
	800	22	42	62	75	80	87
Vaal Reef (*89)	80	15½	20	22	3½	5½	7½
	90	10	13½	15½	7½	10½	11½
	100	4½	7½	—	15	17½	—

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Lonrho (*272)	200	73	78	—	½	1½	—
	220	53	58	61	1	2	5
	240	33	41	44	1½	5	9
	260	15	25	30	4	9	13
	280	6	15	19	14	16	23

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£106)	104	2	[illegible]	3 1/16	1/16	11/16	1⅝
	106	7/16	1½	2 1/16	5/16	1 7/16	2
	108	1/16	⅝	—	2 7/16	[illegible]	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£116)	112	4 5/16	5¼	6 5/16	1/16	11/16	1¼
	114	2 5/16	4	5 1/16	1/16	1½	2⅝
	116	½	2⅝	4	⅝	2½	3 5/16
	118	3/32	2	—	2	3⅝	—
	120	1/16	1¼	—	4	11/16	—
	122	1/32	—	—	6	—	—

	Series	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
FT-SE Index (*1960)	1675	290	310	325	—	1	1	2	—
	1700	265	285	300	—	1	1½	3	—
	1750	215	235	253	—	1	3	6	—
	1800	165	190	213	230	1	5	11	20
	1850	115	145	170	187	1	12	25	35
	1900	65	105	132	150	3	22	37	55
	1950	20	70	100	120	13	35	57	80
	2000	3	45	68	88	45	65	80	95

February 25, 1987. Total contracts 55627. Calls 39180. Puts 16447. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE Index. Calls:1954. Puts:1372

MONEY

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 9
Week fixed: 11

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying 2 mnth 10 9/16 — Selling 2 mnth 10 7/16
3 mnth 10 3/16 — 3 mnth 10 5/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 15/16-10 29/32 — 2 mnth 10 5/16-10 15/32
3 mnth 10 11/32-10 9/32 — 6 mnth 9 27/32-9⅞

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 7/16 — 2 mnth 11 3/16
3 mnth 10 31/32 — 6 mnth 10 15/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅝ close 12
1 week 11⅜-11 — 6 mnth 10 7/16-10 5/16
1 mnth 11 5/32-11 3/32 — 9 mnth 10⅜-10¼
3 mnth 10¾-10 11/16 — 12 mnth 10⅜-10¼

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11 — 7 days 11
1 mnth 10¾ — 3 mnth 10⅝
6 mnth 10⅜ — 12 mth 9⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-11 — 2 mnth 10 13/16-10 9/16
3 mnth 10¾-10⅝ — 6 mnth 10⅝-10½
9 mnth 10 5/16-10 1/16 — 12 mth 10¼-10

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/32 — 3 mnth 10 19/32-10 17/32
6 mnth 10 11/32-10 7/32 — 12 mth 10¼-10⅛

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.30-6.25 — 3 mnth 6.40-6.35
6 mnth 6.35-6.30 — 12 mth 6.40-6.35

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 5 15/16-6⅜ — call 6⅝-5⅝
3 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16 — 1 mnth 6 5/16-6 1/16
— 6 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16
Deutschmark
7 days 3 15/16-3 13/16 — call 4¼-3⅜
3 mnth 4⅛-4 — 1 mnth 4⅛-4
— 6 mnth 4⅛-4
French Franc
7 days 8 5/16-8 3/16 — call 8⅝-7⅝
3 mnth 8½-8⅜ — 1 mnth 8 7/16-8 5/16
— 6 mnth 8 9/16-8 7/16
Swiss Franc
7 days 1⅞-1⅝ — call 1½-½
3 mnth 4-4⅛ — 1 mnth 3⅝-3½
— 6 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16
Yen
7 days 4 15/16-4 13/16 — call 4⅜-3⅜
3 mnth 4 7/16-4 5/16 — 1 mnth 4⅝-4 7/16
— 6 mnth 4⅜-4¼

GOLD & ECGD

BULLION

Gold:$405.50-406.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $ 408.00-411.00 (£265.50-267.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $ 96.50-97.50 (£62.75-63.50)
Platinum $ 529.50 (£343.85)
Silver $ 5.5000-5.5200 (£3.5750-3.5950)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 1, 1987 to January 30, 1987 inclusive: 11.098 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 25/2/87 Cater Allen, Talbex, Premier, Polymark, Norfolk Capital, Hampton Trust, Systems Designers, J Williams, Sidlaw Group, Amstrad, Babcock, BCA, Ennex, Cityvision, Sound Diffusion, Rotaprint, Bennett & Fountain, Geest, Glanfield Lawrence, Berkeley & Hay Hill, Atlantic Resources, Wellcome, Ferranti, Riley Leisure, Mitchell Cotts, Greenwich Resources, London Securities, Peek Holdings, Bula Resources.
Puts: Wellcome, Phoenix Props., Sydney Banks.
Puts & Calls: STC, Wellcome.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 25	Market rates close February 25	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5375-1.5410	1.5375-1.5385	0.67-0.64prem	1.59-1.54prem
Montreal	2.0449-2.0495	2.0449-2.0477	0.74-0.56prem	1.61-1.48prem
Ams'dam	3.1706-3.1778	3.1734-3.1778	1⅜-1⅛prem	4⅛-3⅞prem
Brussels	58.08-58.28	58.16-58.28	20-15prem	45-35prem
C'phgen	10.5896-10.6157	10.5934-10.6157	¼prem-⅜dis	1⅜-2¼dis
Dublin	1.0526-1.0588	1.0549-1.0559	24-27dis	73-90dis
Frankfurt	2.8071-2.8131	2.8090-2.8131	1⅜-1⅛prem	4⅜-4⅛prem
Lisbon	216.48-217.74	216.48-217.39	55-145dis	310-435dis
Madrid	197.22-197.85	197.57-197.85	10-15dis	75-120dis
Milan	1994.28-2004.87	1998.75-2004.87	5prem-4dis	7prem-2dis
Oslo	10.7702-10.8332	10.7702-10.7926	3⅝-4⅛dis	12⅝-13⅝dis
Paris	9.3433-9.3648	9.3480-9.3648	2⅝-2⅛prem	5⅜-4⅞prem
St'khlm	9.9464-9.9811	9.9569-9.9741	par-⅝dis	⅝-1⅛dis
Tokyo	236.01-236.85	236.01-236.39	1½-1⅜prem	3⅝-3⅛prem
Vienna	19.73-19.78	19.73-19.76	12-10⅝prem	28½-25⅛prem
Zurich	2.3647-2.3778	2.3647-2.3685	1⅝-1⅜prem	4-3⅝prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 69.5 (day's range 69.5-69.6).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.2081-2.2169
Australia dollar	2.2848-2.2880
Bahrain dinar	0.5785-0.5825
Brazil cruzado*	27.2829-27.4124
Cyprus pound	0.7420-0.7520
Finland marka	6.9200-7.0020
Greece drachma	205.25-207.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.0094-12.0129
India rupee	19.90-20.10
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4250-0.4290
Malaysia dollar	3.8972-3.9021
Mexico peso	1550-1600
New Zealand dollar	2.7703-2.7772
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7655-5.7955
Singapore dollar	3.2908-3.2944
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2895-6.4042
S Africa rand (com)	3.1807-3.1961
U A E dirham	5.6375-5.6775

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4570-1.4590
Singapore	2.1375-2.1385
Malaysia	2.5315-2.5330
Australia	0.6733-0.6738
Canada	1.3298-1.3303
Sweden	6.4675-6.4725
Norway	7.0000-7.0050
Denmark	6.8700-6.8750
West Germany	1.8233-1.8243
Switzerland	1.5362-1.5372
Netherlands	2.0597-2.0607
France	6.0700-6.0750
Japan	153.45-153.55
Italy	1297.0-1298.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.77-37.82
Hong Kong	7.7970-7.7980
Portugal	140.90-141.40
Spain	128.45-128.55
Austria	12.87-12.89

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

COMPANY NEWS

● **ENGLISH & SCOTTISH INVESTORS:** Year to January 31. Total dividend 1.55p (1.4p). Income from investments £2.56 million (£2.06 million). Net revenue £1.35 million (£1.36 million). Earnings per share 1.66p (1.67p).

● **BPP HOLDINGS:** Total dividend 5.6p for 1986. Turnover £2.79 million (£2.16 million). Pretax profit £625,000 (£405,000). Earnings per share, based on weighted average, 13.8p (11.5p).

● **MERIVALE MOORE:** Half-year to December 31. Interim dividend 1.5p (1p). Turnover £7.92 million (£3.19 million). Pretax profit £2.45 million (£617,000). Earnings per share 13.5p (3.3p). The board expects results for the full year to be "very satisfactory." Since June 30 last, the company has purchased property worth £11 million.

● **MURRAY INTERNATIONAL TRUST:** Total dividend raised to 5p (4.5p) for 1986. Pretax revenue £9.04 million (£9.08 million). Earnings per share 5.14p (4.69p).

● **METAL BULLETIN:** Total dividend 4.8p (4.25p) for 1986. Turnover £6.73 million (£6.13 million). Pretax profit £1.24 million (£1.02 million). Earnings per share 9p (6.83p).

● **BPB INDUSTRIES:** Agreement has been reached for the purchase of Intergips's plasterboard and related gypsum interests in West Germany, the Netherlands, Italy and Austria, conditional on permission from the West German Federal Cartel Office. The interests have a turnover in the region of £100 million and include the second largest gypsum company in West Germany. The price will be financed according to conditions when the transaction is completed.

● **MURRAY INCOME TRUST:** Six months to December 31. Pretax revenue £3.54 million (£3 million). Earnings per share 2.99p (2.50p). A final dividend of not less than 4p (3.6p) is forecast for full year, which would make a minimum of 6p (5.4p).

● **FIRST SCOTTISH AMERICAN TRUST:** Total dividend raised to 12p (10p) for the year to January 31. Pretax revenue £5.64 million (£4.91 million). Earnings per share 12.4p (10.42p).

● **LOPEX:** The company is to buy a 60 per cent interest in Timing Publicidade de Portugal of Lisbon for £43,000 in cash. The management of Timing will retain 40 per cent. Timing, which was formed in 1983, has shown rapid growth with 1986 billings of 220 million escudos (£1 million). Timing will join Alliance International, the consumer agency network of Lopex, which now adds Portugal to its operations.

● **STONEHILL HOLDINGS:** The company is reporting for the 28 weeks to October 19 (28 weeks to October 13, 1985, with comparisons adjusted). Turnover £6 million (£8.26 million). Pretax loss £1.34 million (£58,000). Loss per share 21.61p (1.79p). No interim dividend (3p). The board reports that the order book is the highest for three years for the time of year. It looks forward to 1987/88, confident that there will be a material improvement in trading results.

● **WESTWOOD DAWES:** No dividend (nil) for 1986 in view of continuing losses. Turnover £1.61 million (£1.48 million). Pretax loss £296,938 (£101.937 profit). Loss per share 5.20p (earnings 2.54p).

● **TENNECO:** A subsidiary, Newport News Shipbuilding Dry Dock, is to buy Sperry Marine Systems from Unisys Corporation for $70 million (£45 million). This purchase will include all the worldwide operations and facilities of Sperry, which is headquartered in Charlottesvile, California, but will be subject to review by government authorities.

● **RANK ORGANISATION:** Sir Patrick Meaney, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that trading in the current year to date has continued to be good and that improvement in the profitability of the associate interests is expected.

● **MILFORD DOCKS:** The company has requested the Stock Exchange for a temporary suspension of its quotation, pending a capital restructuring and reorganization. This will involve the conversion of a small proportion of debt into equity and a rights issue.

● **GOODMAN FIELDER:** Half-year to December 31. Net profit Aus$63.34 million (£27.54 million), against Aus$4.51 million. Turnover Aus$774.17 million (Aus$170.68 million). Other revenue Aus$167.82 million (Aus$1.51 million). Interim dividend 5 cents (4.5 cents) and a one-for-three scrip issue proposed.

● **LM ERICSSON:** Agreement has been reached for the acquisition from the Fiskars Group of Finland of Fiskars's traffic electronics operations. By merging Fiskars's operations with its own road-signalling activities, Ericsson will form a new unit that will be sufficiently large to meet the siffening competition in the world market.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A firm farewell

Peter Clarke, chief executive of stockbroker Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin, a medium-sized but respected City firm, has, I hear, "been replaced". His abrupt departure earlier this week comes after 15 years with the firm. William de Broe's chairman, Peter Stanley, confirmed that Clarke had left. "We parted company earlier this week in a friendly manner," he tells me. Stanley will now assume the responsibilities of both chairman and chief executive. But he denied speculation that because of his new workload he will be forced to relinquish some of his work for the Stock Exchange. "The jobs that I have to do there have been reducing in any case," he says, "but I will be carrying on with them." Stanley is currently chairman of the Capital Adequacy Committee, which is part of The Securities Association – the SRO being formed to govern the securities market.

PREPARE TO MEET THY DOOM

"There's somebody else who thinks it's going to be a good Budget."

Legal aid

It seems that there could soon be more parties involved in the Guinness affair – an estimated 15 to date – than there are lawyers to deal with them. Top City firm Clifford-Turner has, I hear, had to turn away several prospective clients because it already acts for Jimmy Gulliver's Argyll Group. Other major City firms – who number, at the most, 20 – are experiencing similar problems. And the number of defendants involved in the case is likely to continue to increase. "The Guinness affair is like a meteorite – bits of it keep spinning off in different directions all the time," said one solicitor. The moral of the story – bags your lawyer now.

Willing victim

Insurance company City of Edinburgh Life is launching a fund, which will seek out companies attractive to a predator. The intention is to buy the shares then wait for the inevitable *(sic)* rise in share prices. But – sign of the times – the managers are anxious to point out that they will not be involved in insider trading. Instead, they will be alert to the logic and timing of takeover situations and adept at researching the investment – all "in accord with the strictest ethics." What could be simpler?

Final whistle

Former Sunderland Football Club boss Tom Cowie – who heads up the quoted T Cowie car dealership group – has given soccer the boot. The former football-mad company chairman, who ran Sunderland for five years until his recent resignation, has found another hobby – shooting. "I never watch football now. I think football clubs are run by people on ego-trips. I never needed that," he says.

Hard pressed

Sir Terence Beckett, he of the "bare-knuckle" fight, yesterday attended his last Press conference as director general of the Confederation of British Industry. After six years in the job he is now relinquishing to John Banham, head of the government's Audit Commission. In that time, Sir Terry has had to deal with just one Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, but a changing array of journalists at a total of 335 Press conferences. He still recalls with anger what he regards as the worst of those confrontations – the Press questioning following his 1980 CBI conference speech when he called for industry to stand up for itself and have a "bare-knuckles" fight. The phrase has dogged him ever since. Yesterday, he was on form attacking the Americans for protectionism, the new scourge of industry, but he resisted the temptation to suggest that Britain engage in fisticuffs.

Carol Leonard

Stock Exchange today: Sir Nicholas Goodison on takeover tactics

Learning the lessons of the Guinness affair

In my first two articles I discussed insider trading and the close relationship between non-statutory and statutory regulators. Much of the comment on these two subjects has naturally centred on the Guinness affair. In this concluding article, I turn to the specific questions it raised.

The Guinness affair is very serious. Responsible people in the City – and that means almost everyone – were shocked and dumbfounded by it.

Here we had a long-established public company making an offer for the biggest whisky and gin producer in the country, at the invitation of the latter. Many of us thought it wrong that Distillers should agree to pay Guinness's costs, but this curious form of self-abasement was not illegal and broke no codes.

The Press at the time, and the shareholders later, gave Guinness high marks for its apparent management skills. They seemed to think that Mr Ernest Saunders, the chairman and chief executive, had miraculous powers of leadership.

They continued to think so when Mr Saunders refused to accept a non-executive chairman, despite his earlier promise to do so, and was himself appointed chairman.

Now the truth is, at least partially, revealed. Nothing like it has been seen in the business life of this country for a very long time. What are the lessons?

The Guinness affair does not demonstrate a failure either of the present regulatory system or of the system due to come into being later this year when the Financial Services Act is implemented. It has been reported that the discovery of the affair arose from information received from the Securities and Exchange Commission in the United States. If true, this does not demonstrate any weakness in the regulatory mechanism. All regulators rely at times on receiving information from other regulators.

High marks for apparent management skills: Ernest Saunders

The key is whether there is sufficient liaison between them – and there was – and whether action is taken swiftly when information is received – and it was. I have argued for some years that close co-operation between international regulators is essential. We should be pleased, not shocked, when co-operation is seen to work. Those who draw on the Guinness affair to criticize the details of the Financial Services Act are off side. The new regulatory system has not even started. It is like blaming a rugby football team for losing the match before the whistle goes to start the game.

Undoubtedly, on the other hand, there has been a failure of personal moral standards. I said in my second article that self-regulation could be simply described as moral behaviour of a high standard. I also said that, ultimately, any regulatory system depends on each man or woman maintaining standards of behaviour. If individuals choose to break codes or break the law, you cannot blame the regulatory system for their actions. You must blame them. You must investigate what they have done and punish them if they have done wrong.

What about the law? Guinness is being investigated under the powers of the Companies Act, which has been on the statute book for some time. Having the law is one thing; implementing it successfully is quite another. These processes need not only clear concise law but the resources to carry out the necessary investigations and prosecutions successfully.

The Government has made it clear it will not hesitate to bring prosecutions if there is clear evidence that the law has been broken, even if the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors have not completed their inquiries. Once the Guinness investigation is complete, the Companies Act will have to be reviewed carefully to determine whether the law requires further refinement or indeed if the DTI has sufficient resources and powers.

And the Takeover Panel? There has been a great deal of criticism of the Takeover Panel and it has responded on two fronts. First, it has altered some of the rules of disclosure in the light of the experience of the Guinness affair, thus demonstrating that a non-statutory body can respond extremely quickly to a need for reform. Second, it is discussing its own membership and its position in the new structure of regulation.

I cannot see that any advantage would arise from the Takeover Panel's becoming a more legal entity. Surely what is needed, if it can be fitted into the framework of the new regulatory system, is a rule in each of the new self-regulatory organizations' rule books on the lines of the present Stock Exchange rule. This obliges member firms to conform to the Panel's rules because they will be subject to the Stock Exchange's disciplinary procedures if they are found not to have done so.

One of the main weaknesses of the Takeover Panel has been that of all its member organizations, only the Stock Exchange has been able to exercise disciplinary powers over its members in support of the Panel. There has been no other disciplinary organization. There is not one in existence, for example, to cover the banks.

The other weakness of the Panel has been the lack of adequate surveillance techniques. Since the Stock Exchange's new technology was introduced at the end of October, this gap has been filled. In future, the Stock Exchange, using its new technology, will monitor market dealings for the Panel in takeover situations.

The most important lesson of the Guinness affair is nothing new. It is that all individuals in the business world, all industrial and commercial companies and all financial and other advisers, both in the City and outside it, should continue to re-assert the importance of moral standards in the conduct of their business. Most people do. All must.

This is the last of three articles by the chairman of the International Stock Exchange of the UK and Republic of Ireland

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

European sugar policy caned by the MMC

For the second time this decade, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission yesterday passed judgment on the European sugar industry as a market suffering from an "accumulation of controls, quotas and guarantees" which severely limit the scope for competition and are downright unfair for some players.

The MMC has urged the Government to take "immediate action" to rectify the structural problems in the European Economic Community regime which put Tate & Lyle at a serious disadvantage to British Sugar. As the report points out: "The problem of the cane refineries is essentially a political one to which a political answer should be sought."

These are tough words for the MMC. Many of those who during the past eight months have lobbied so vigorously over the future of British Sugar, the UK's sole producer of beet sugar, welcomed the outcome of the MMC inquiry as a clarification of the difficulties besetting the sugar industry. But the answers its proposes pose problems for a Government hostile to the idea of intervention in free markets.

As the MMC points out, the circumstances surrounding Tate & Lyle's proposed bid for S&W Berisford, owners of British Sugar, were "exceptional". As Britain's sole sugar cane refiner, Tate & Lyle has been labouring under an EEC regime primarily intended to encourage and maintain the production of sugar from beet.

Profit margins set in Brussels favour beet sugar producers over cane sugar refiners while the Lomé Convention of 1975 means that the EEC – and therefore Tate & Lyle – must buy a specified quantity of cane sugar from the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific region at artificially high prices.

Hence it is British Sugar which has been able to take the lead with pricing levels and whose margins are healthy. In its last financial year, Tate & Lyle made profits of just £4.1 million on sugar refining on sales of more than £400 million.

The MMC found the position "fundamentally unsatisfactory" and has suggested a number of possible answers. It recommended that the British Government should continue to press other EEC members to increase the cane refining margins. There is little chance of success in this direction. Failing this, other means of providing long-term assistance to Tate & Lyle should be adopted which could include reducing the price of the raw cane, with Britain making up the difference to the source countries, or by paying a direct subsidy to Tate & Lyle.

It is a measure of the lunacy of the Common Agricultural Policy that the MMC can now seriously suggest that yet another subsidy is needed to couterbalance the inequalities of the existing system.

The idea of a direct subsidy does not appeal to Tate & Lyle, though it welcomes the recognition of its problems. The company would accept a subsidy but prefers to find some alternative way.

There are many possible options. Brussels could charge penalties if the British beet industry sold sugar at prices below agreed thresholds. Alternatively, additional charges, such as the storage charge, could be imposed on beet manufacturers with the effect of forcing up prices.

One can sympathize with Tate & Lyle, but all this would simply be further tampering with a system that is fundamentally unsound.

State of the industry

When the commanding heights of the economy plumb the depths in their performance – the early story of nationalized industries – something has to happen: either industrial bankruptcy or commercial regeneration. It is a cause for some celebration that, since the White Paper of 1967 consigned the Morrisonian doctrine to the museum of Cloud-cuckoo-land where it was invented in 1933, performance has improved. Not across the board but by enough to suggest that, if governments lay down clear objectives, management is encouraged to manage and politicians stop interfering in the management process, public corporations can work.

A new assessment of their productivity record by Richard Molyneux and David Thompson for the Institute of Fiscal Studies relates to the period 1978-85, which is then compared with earlier studies of the periods 1968-73 and 1973-78.

They make three general points: 1. In each period productivity has increased more rapidly in industries, like British Airways and British Telecom, subject to significant technological change; 2. The downturn in productivity in 1973-78 might, in part, be fairly laid at the door of the first dramatic rise in oil prices which caused demand for goods and services to decline (the same thing happened in private manufacturing industry); 3. In the the third period, 1978-85, productivity in most state industries has grown faster than at any time since 1960, both absolutely and in comparison with manufacturing industry.

Recent performance, however, does not mean that public corporations are efficient as they could be, as we all know to our cost. The Post Office, notwithstanding substantial gains in productivity, remains far from efficient. British Rail, Molyneux and Thompson suggest, may have achieved what it is capable of achieving, while British Gas and the electricity industry may have only limited scope left to raise their efficiency.

The turnround in productivity has no single explanation but there is no doubt that increased financial pressures and tighter financial control, part of the new regulatory framework in which public corporations have been forced by Government to operate, have played an important role. In contrast, the regulatory framework has largely failed to bring about improvements in their pricing policies.

This suggests that the regulatory framework is still deficient and in need of reform. The type of reform Molyneux and Thompson advocate is increased competition – "a proposal substantially at variance with current initiatives involving the privatization of state monopolies."

TEMPUS

A monopoly sweetener for Tate & Lyle

There should be quite a bit more sweetness and light round at Sugar Quay, Tate & Lyle's headquarters, after yesterday's Monopolies and Mergers Commission's report.

True, Tate will not now be able to gain control of British Sugar. But then it cannot be amazed about that.

Nor can it look forward to a unified British sugar industry which could perhaps speak more effectively for its interests in Brussels than either company could individually.

But it has not come out of the MMC review empty-handed. It has at long last got some official recognition that it gets a raw deal under the CAP sugar regime.

The MMC has recommended that steps be taken to increase the cane-refining margin. If this cannot be done at Community level, it suggests a subsidy either to the cane suppliers or direct to the refiner.

But subsidies can disappear overnight with a change of government. So Tate would much prefer to see changes in the legislation which would give it protection from the effects of a price war with high margin beet sugar producers.

When beet margins are £60 a tonne and cane £20, Tate & Lyle can survive. Take £15 off each margin, and the cane refiner comes perilously close to losing his margin altogether, while the beet sugar producer still makes enough to remain comfortably in profit.

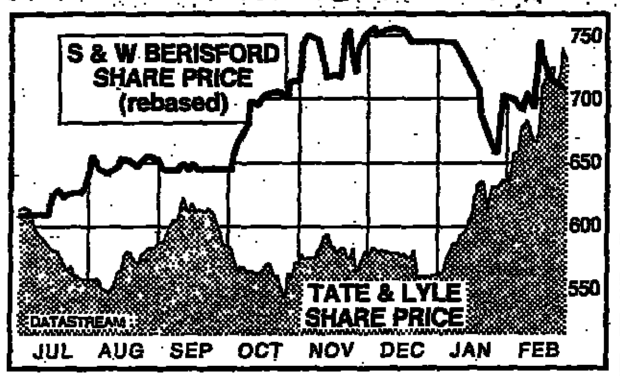
Tate had to endure the damaging effects of a price war last year and has no desire to repeat the experience. This year margins, to quote Tate, are "not far from being adequate" which probably means that they are quite good. For the current financial year analysts are therefore looking for pretax profits of £90 million to £100 million.

Further in the future, there is the enticing prospect of Tate's new sweetener, Sucralose.

The shares stand on a 30 per cent discount to the market, a rating which is undeservedly low.

Once Ferruzzi has reduced its stake in S & W Berisford, the latter company will be left with two shareholders with 15 per cent each, Ferruzzi and Tate. They may protect Berisford from a bid, or encourage one.

In the meantime, the market for Berisford's shares will be weak as the Ferruzzi position is unwound. The shares stand at just half the market multiple, but with no obvious bidder in sight they still look expensive.



T Cowie

Mr Tom Cowie, the motor dealer and former Sunderland Football Club chairman, has more or less abandoned plans to float off his contract hire and leasing business.

And well he might. As was revealed yesterday, the finance arm of the T Cowie motor dealership group is in sparkling form.

The 21,000 cars in the contract hire fleet – second only in size to Dial Contracts, a subsidiary of Barclays Bank – is Cowie's fastest-growing area and chipped in profits of £5 million, up from £2.7 million, towards a group total of £8.2 million. This was a greater-than-expected rise of 102 per cent over the previous year and sent the shares up 80p to 385p.

The finance division could probably have been floated off for about £40 million and the temptation must have been strong.

The motor division advanced strongly from £1.8 million to £3.1 million but the performance owed much to the group's decision to rev up its used-car sales, and parts and servicing.

The actual profits from new car sales dropped as hard-pressed manufacturers throttled back on bonuses being offered to distributors such as Cowie. The profit margins, in particular on volume makes such as Ford, are now described as wafer-thin.

Mr Cowie is toying with a number of medium-sized acquisitions – which could cost up to £25 million – but is coy about his intentions towards Lookers, the Manchester car distributor in which he has built up a near 15 per cent stake. A bid has to be the favourite option.

L & N

Here we have a novel situation. Holders of more than 65 per cent of the ordinary shares in London and Northern, the construction to healthcare group, have accepted an offer for their shares by another company, Demerger Two, many of them on the advice of their own directors.

For Demerger to complete its plans, and for the accepting shareholders to collect their money, holders of a further 25 per cent need to accept.

But Demerger has now closed its cash offer of 81p a share, which had won the L&N board's recommendation – but not their acceptance – and the L&N board believes it has won. Demerger is dead, says one of its directors.

Far from it, says Mr Peter Earl of Demerger. With 65 per cent of the shares under his belt, he believes the L&N board is totally discredited.

Mr Earl has 12 days to convince holders of the 25 per cent he still needs that the four shares they will eventually receive under his plan, which is to split the group into four separate entities and then refloat them, will be worth more than each existing L&N share. Or that they should sell in the market. For the real battle has now switched to the stock market's trading floor. Yesterday there were signs that both sides were in the market, and the shares reached 72p, its highest for a week.

The L&N directors, currently sitting on about 3½ per cent, do not need to dip too deep into their pockets to block Demerger, particularly since up to 5 per cent of most companies' shares are never voted, one way or the other. But even if the bid fails, their position looks untenable. Or it ought to be.

Mr Earl would be left with two options. To walk away or to form a new company to launch another bid which would require only 50.1 per cent acceptances.

It should not go that far. Remaining holders of L&N shares face three options. They can sit tight, and back the present board, they can sell in the market, or accept Demerger paper.

What they should not do is to do nothing. With the final dividend in doubt, L&N's share price is probably worth no more than 50p. If they are still unconvinced by Mr Earl's proposals they should take what they can get in the market.

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Wardley European	March '85	92.6%	£1,926
Laurentian Growth	July '85	103.7%	£2,037
Sunlife Japan Growth	July '85	100.7%	£2,007
S & P Japan Growth	July '85	104.1%	£2,041

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Holborn Japan	Sept '85	49.4%	£1,494
Holborn Europe	Oct '85	56.1%	£1,561
Eagle Star Far Eastern	Nov '85	49.5%	£1,495
MIM Japan Performance	Dec '85	58.9%	£1,589
Schroder Japan Smaller Co's	Dec '85	53.6%	£1,526
Lloyd's Japan	Jan '86	60.6%	£1,606

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	111.5	117.9c	-0.3	10.17
High Inc Equity	112.9	120.1●	+0.9	4.35
Worldwide Bond	199.7	212.4●	+1.5	4.58
American Growth	169.3	180.0●	+1.1	0.78
Asian Pacific	66.9	71.1	+0.4	1.59
Assets & Earns	132.8	141.2	+1.3	2.02
Capital Reserve	68.3	69.7c	-0.1	1.45
Comm & Energy	118.4	125.9c	+0.1	0.91
European Capital	93.9	99.8	-0.8	1.27
General	159.5	169.6●	+1.4	2.50
Japan	78.8	83.8	+0.2	..
UK Growth Inc	128.8	137.0	+1.4	1.14
Do Accum	186.2	198.0	+2.0	0.79
US Emerging Co's	61.5	65.4	+0.3	0.06
Equitas Progress	250.0	265.8	+2.8	2.71
Mastertrust Acc	73.7	78.3	+0.4	2.09
American Inc	51.4	54.6●	+0.2	4.81
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	263.5	279.3●	+2.1	2.86
Growth & Income	155.7	165.0	+1.3	3.11
Capital Trust	262.9	278.7	+1.9	2.48
Balanced	421.4	446.7	+3.9	2.97
Accum Trust	646.0	684.8	+5.6	2.77
American Income	33.8	36.0●	..	4.14
High Income Tst	290.8	308.2c	+1.2	4.22
Equity Income	163.4	173.2●	+0.7	4.32
High Yield	168.3	178.3	+0.4	4.94
Govt Secs Trust	29.2	30.4	-0.2	8.03
International	100.9	107.5●	+1.0	0.75
Japan Fund	128.8	135.0	+0.9	0.01
Pacific Trust	209.0	222.6	+2.0	0.80
Amer Spcl Sits	73.9	78.7	+0.2	1.41
Secs Of Amer Tst	225.8	240.5	+1.7	0.51
Aid Asset Value	270.3	286.5	+1.5	3.03
Conv & Gilt Trust	39.8	41.2	+0.5	5.73
Smaller Co's	153.4	162.5●	+0.9	2.68
2nd Smaller Co's	194.9	208.6c	+0.5	1.94
Recovery Trust	99.3	105.3	+0.6	1.78
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd				
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-225 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	474.2	494.3	..	0.64
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4●	..	0.20
UK Ex (31)	268.0	285.1	..	1.28
P'sal Pens Intl	570.6	600.6	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	223.1	234.9	..	..
BG America	184.2	196.0	+1.9	0.00
BG Energy	173.7	184.8	+0.5	1.83
BG Income Grwth	240.0	256.4c	-0.2	4.50

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Accum (2)	217.7	227.3	+1.0	4.95
Intl Inc (2)	151.0	157.5●	..	0.89
Do Accum (2)	201.4	210.0●	..	0.89
Smaller Inc (5)	74.9	79.1s	..	2.70
Do Accum	80.5	85.0s	..	2.70
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	89.5	95.2	-0.4	0.58
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	336.3	355.9	-0.8	2.67
Income	388.3	410.9	+1.0	4.11
Far East	249.0	263.5	-1.3	0.24
North American	170.4	180.3	+0.3	0.51
Global	56.5	59.8c	-0.3	0.76
European	56.6	59.9	..	1.25
Japan	59.8	63.7	..	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	414.1	440.6	+1.7	1.89
Income	335.8	357.3	+2.6	4.38
North American	327.4	348.3	+2.2	1.06
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	449.2		..	4.16
Fixed Int	138.75		..	10.31
Deposit	100.0		..	10.85
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	60.2	63.7	..	0.89
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	417.71		..	4.67
Accum	£12.2518		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.75
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	27.6	29.3	-0.1	1.90
Equity High Income	52.7	55.8e	+0.8	3.70
European Growth	31.1	33.0	..	2.00
General Equity	47.7	50.5	+0.7	2.10
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	30.2	31.8	-0.2	3.20

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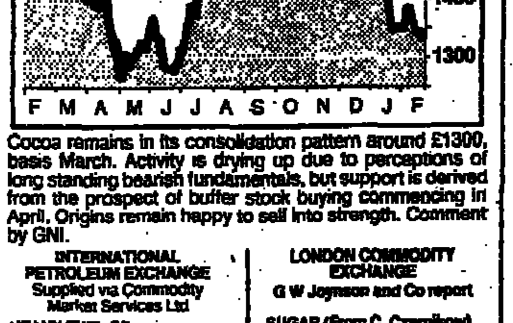

Cocoa remains in its consolidation pattern around £1300, basis March. Activity is drying up due to perceptions of long standing bearish fundamentals, but support is derived from the prospect of buffer stock buying commencing in April. Origins remain happy to sell into strength. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
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HEAVY FUEL OIL

Mar	83.00-unq.
Apr	72.00-unq.
May	69.00-unq.
Vol:	5

GAS OIL

Mar	130.00-29.75
Apr	131.75-31.50
May	132.50-32.00
Jun	132.50-31.75
Jul	133.00-30.00
Aug	134.00-32.00
Sep	140.00-34.00
Oct	140.00-32.00
Nov	140.00-34.00
Vol:	8648

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	164.0-63.4
May	172.2-71.8
Aug	175.2-75.0
Oct	178.0-77.6
Dec	182.4-82.0
Mar	185.0-84.0
Vol:	4881

COCOA

Mar	1295-93
May	1328-27
Jul	1354-53
Sep	1380-78
Dec	1508-05
Mar	1431-30
May	1451-47
Vol:	2827

COFFEE

Mar	1535-530
May	1538-535
Jul	1557-555
Sep	1583-580
Nov	1607-605
Jan	1635-630
Mar	1650-640
Vol:	3744

SOYABEAN

Apr	125.0-23.5
Jun	113.8-13.0
Aug	110.8-10.0
Oct	111.0-10.0
Dec	112.0-11.5
Feb	116.0-15.0
Apr	119.0-16.0
Vol:	0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	917.00-918.00
Three Months	925.00-925.50
Vol	7200
Tone	Steadier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	882.00-884.00
Three Months	902.00-904.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	298.00-299.00
Three Months	299.50-300.00
Vol	150
Tone	Steady But Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	485.00-486.00
Three Months	478.00-479.00
Vol	1750
Tone	Quiet

SILVER LARGE

Cash	357.00-358.00
Three Months	366.00-367.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	357.00-358.00
Three Months	366.00-367.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	858.00-859.00
Three Months	847.00-848.00
Vol	1300
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	2486-2490
Three Months	2492-2495
Vol	96
Tone	Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 24

GB: Cattle, 92.98p per kg lw (+1.01)
GB: Sheep 177.97p per kg* (+4.10)
GB: Pigs, 77.19p per kg lw (+1.93)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 2.4 %, ave. price, 93.61p(+1.48)
Sheep nos. up 4.6 %, ave. price, 178.53p(+3.97)
Pig nos. down 12.4 %, ave. price, 77.19p(+1.93)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 23.6 %, ave. price, 90.80p(-0.45)
Sheep nos. up 2.5 %, ave. price, 174.47p(+4.82)
Pig nos. n/a %, ave. price, n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Apr	95.5	96.8
Jun	95.2	95.0
Aug	94.5	94.5
Oct	97.0	98.6
		Vol: 15

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	95.5	94.8
Apr	96.0	96.3
Jun	98.0	97.9
Aug	97.5	97.0
		Vol: 2

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	117.30	114.15
May	119.50	116.10
Jul	120.75	unq.
Sep.	99.35	98.75
Nov	101.45	100.80
Jan	104.45	103.50

Vol: Wheat 120
Barley 47

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Apr	160.0	164.9
May	179.5	182.0
Nov	97.5	97.8
Apr	118.0	118.5
		Vol: 2812

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	801.0-790.5	795.5
Jul 87	675.0-670.0	675.0
Oct 87	797.0-795.0	797.0
Jan 87	—	835.0

Vol: 153 lots Open intst: 2512
Spot-market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
848.5 up 0.5 on 25/2/87

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities surge ahead

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end March 6. §Contango day March 9. Settlement day March 16.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day: Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 20

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Ampol	Oil	
2	Devenish (J A)	Breweries	
3	Marks Spencer (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
4	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
5	Int Thomson	Newspapers	
6	Bentalls	Drapery,Stores	
7	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas.	
8	Thames TV	Cinemas,TV	
9	ickson	Chemicals,Plas	
10	ennedy Smale	Industrials E-K	
11	OC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
12	running	Paper,Print,Adv	
13	atthews (Bernard)	Foods	
14	estwood	Industrials A-D	
15	MC Gp (aa)	Building,Roads	
16	SR	Electricals	
17	enold	Industrials L-R	
18	mingham Mint	Industrials A-D	
19	Bird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
20	Amec	Building,Roads	
21	utchsn Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
22	emec	Electricals	
23	S. Breweries	Breweries	
24	ancherter Ship	Industrials L-R	
25	reenall Whitley	Breweries	
26	ortals	Industrials L-R	
27	ramall (CD)	Motors,Aircraft	
28	Combined English	Drapery,Stores	
29	Yorkshire TV	Cinemas,TV	
30	VG Instruments	Electricals	
31	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
32	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
33	Tip Top Drug	Drapery,Stores	
34	Whatman Reeve	Industrials S-Z	
35	Invergordon Distl	Breweries	
36	Cardo Eng	Industrials A-D	
37	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
38	Next	Drapery,Stores	
39	Crowther (J)	Textiles	
40	Freemans	Drapery,Stores	
41	Rosehaugh	Property	
4	Headlam Sims	Shoes,Leather	
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BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
384	281	Allied-Lyons (aa)	373	375	●+1	14.5	3.9	17.1
661	365	Bass (aa)	650	655	+8	24.3	3.8	15.7
78½	22	Belhaven	74	75	-½	1.0	1.3	37.8
143	87	Boddingtons	138	140	..	4.6	3.5	17.5
608	375	Brown (Matthew)	550	555	●+3	20.0b	3.6	18.3
171	57	Buckleys	141	143	..	4.3	3.0	32.8
188	142	Bulmer (H P)	181	186	●+4	7.7	4.2	18.9
780	410	Burtonwood Brew	680	690	..	15.4	2.2	22.5
515	465	Clark (Matthew)	502	508	●+8	12.1	2.4	17.4
234	128	Devenish (J A)	222	227	+8	3.9	1.7	31.1
220	165	Greenall Whitley	217	219	+4	7.9	3.6	13.1
332	185	Greene King	323	325	+8	8.4	2.6	18.5
333	282	Guinness (aa)	310	312	●+4	11.5	3.7	11.8
648	473	Hardys & Hansons	643	650	●+2	26.7	4.1	14.2
97	68	Highland Dist	72	74	..	3.1	4.2	14.1
147	138	Invergordon Dist	145	147	●+5	6.8	4.7	9.3
288	180	Irish Distil	197	202	●+2	8.0	4.0	..
122	77	Marston Thompson	122	-	+2	3.3	2.7	17.4
430	353	Morland	403	415	●+4	10.0	2.4	19.9
288	131	SA Breweries	268	274	+4			
279	178	Scot & New (aa)	227	229	+2	10.3	4.5	13.8
593	350	Vaux	580	590	+1	17.9	3.2	19.3
321	227	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	305	307	+2	11.5	3.8	14.1
325	249	Do 'B'	320	325	-2	11.5	3.6	14.9
291	210	Whitbread Inv	280	286	+4	11.0	3.8	36.8
432	352	Wolverhampton & D	290	292	s +1	7.0	2.4	18.4
330	185	Young 'A'	307	317	..	11.4	3.7	21.5

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1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
158	85	Challenger	135	140	..	10.0	7.2	12.2
97	75	Finlay (James)	83	86	+1	5.9	6.9	..
517	328	Harrison Crosfield	482	487	-3	28.5	5.9	24.5
568	330	Inchcape	563	568	+1	25.9	4.4	46.4
37	32½	Jacks (Wm)	34	36	..	1.7b	4.8	13.0
301	188	Lonrho (aa)	271	273	●+6	17.1	6.3	10.7
88	45	Ocean Wilson	77	82	..	3.6	4.5	14.0
333	205	Paterson Zoch	328	333	..	9.3	2.8	8.5
333	205	Do 'A'	328	333	..	9.3	2.8	8.5
203	105	Polly Peck	200	205	●+5	9.3	4.6	43.4
87	30	Sime Darby	80	84	-3			
650	545	Steel Bros	637	657	-3	22.9n	3.5	18.0
224	121	Tozer Kemsley	158	161	+5			57.3
348	158	Yule Catto	345	358	..	12.1	3.5	11.3

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1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
568	444	BAT (aa)	547	549	+5	18.4	3.4	14.3
168	173	Carroll	135	140				
235	135	Rothmans B	234	236	+3	10.0	4.3	8.3

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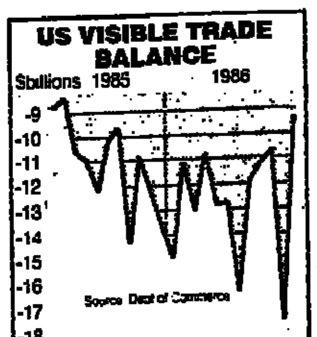
ECONOMIC VIEW

Paris currency accord faces its first real test from US

Good American trade figures would mean equilibrium is close, but if they are bad, intervention may be needed



Tomorrow's US trade figures could provide the first real test for the agreement on currency stabilization reached over the weekend in Paris. If the figures are good, they will help to support the claims of the six finance ministers that the dollar has fallen far enough to bring world trade gradually closer back towards equilibrium.

If they are bad, central banks may have to put their money where their mouths are and intervene to stabilize exchange rates.

The whole edifice of the agreement by the Group of Seven minus One rests on the belief that in keeping exchange rates broadly where they are, central banks will, as the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, put it, be "working with the grain" of the market.

If it turns out that they are not working with the grain but are trying to saw across the economic fundamentals, ministers will be wise to abandon the attempt at stability sooner rather than later. The only justification for using up reserves to underwrite a particular set of exchange rates is to smooth out fluctuations around whatever trend is established by trade and capital flows.

There may be moments also when central banks can prevent exchange rates from overshooting the level appropriate on economic fundamentals. But judging the moment at which a firm shove can turn aside the juggernaut of market sentiment is not easy. Get it wrong by quite a small margin and you can end up with severe injuries.

Both ministers and markets will therefore be watching closely to see whether economic trends, as they reveal themselves in the statistics of the next few weeks, confirm that the massive fall in the dollar is beginning to reduce the trade imbalance between the US and the surplus countries of West Germany and Japan.

It would be surprising if it were not having some effect. Since the dollar's peak in February 1985, the mark has appreciated by 90 per cent against the US currency and the yen by 70 per cent. Movements on this scale can hardly have left the relative competitiveness of US, German and Japanese industries unchanged.

Since the Plaza agreement, both the mark and yen have risen 55 per cent — so when the Group of Five graciously endorsed a fall in the dollar in September 1985, the slide was already well under way. Finance ministers hope they have also caught the tide this time. Since mid-January, when WestGermany cut its discount rate by ½ per cent to 3 per cent, the dollar has moved in a fairly narrow range.

There is no precise answer to the question: has the dollar fallen far enough? Purchasing power parities suggest it has. The same basket of goods is considerably cheaper in the US than in West Germany or Japan at current exchange rates. But purchasing power parities can be out of line with exchange rates for a long time.

There has been, however, a favourable movement in the *volume* statistics of US trade, even if there is still a huge deficit in value terms. The volume of US exports in the final quarter of 1986 rose 5 per cent compared with a fall of nearly 8 per cent in the first half of the year.

The greater competitiveness of US industry appears to be reaping some rewards even though the deterioration in the terms of trade means exports earn less in foreign currency. With every fresh fall in the dollar a new "J curve" is imposed on the existing one so that the immediate effect of devaluation is an even bigger trade deficit. Given a period of exchange rate stability the volume gains may begin to overtake the terms of trade losses.

British trade figures for January are published tomorrow also and although they are much less important for the success of the G7's attempt to stabilize currencies, the economic questions are similar to those which surround the US balance of payments.

Britain, too, has experienced a substantial devaluation and is now benefiting from an improvement in competitiveness. Non-oil exports, excluding erratic items rose 6 per cent in volume during the final quarter of last year while non-oil imports rose only 3½ per cent. Productivity gains are helping industry to take advantage of devaluation in a way which has not happened to the same extent with previous falls in the currency.

Significantly, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research in its latest review, published yesterday, is substantially less pessimistic about Britain's balance of payments prospects than in its last review, reducing its forecast current account deficit this year from £5.6 billion to £2.6 billion.

This is not greatly out of line with the London Business School's forecast of £2.3 billion.

The Treasury remains more optimistic with a deficit of £1.5 billion but that is not out of line with the present consensus in the City where forecasts tend to be revised more frequently. Credit Suisse First Boston has just broken new ground by predicting a surplus of £1½ billion.

The supply response of industry will be crucial in the developing story of the balance of payments both in Britain and the US.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Services opportunity missed

The Government's decision last week to retreat yet again from obliging local authorities to put more services out to private tender is lamentable. This is just the kind of gain in economic efficiency we need and, unlike most such supply side improvements, is within the Government's power.

While waiting for a new slot for the legislation after the election, ministers should cast their thoughts on improving the delivery of local services more widely. And even better than asking private contractors to compete to provide services to the authority as a whole would be to allow consumers to make their own choices.

The Government's plan to swap domestic rates for a community charge should tend to make charging for individual services more acceptable. If every resident in the borough has to pay a flat rate charge, irrespective of how much he or she uses local services, then the idea of disaggregating that charge so that the user pays pro rata, becomes more attractive — given a suitable safety net of social security. If charging can be extended, there is no reason why consumers should not choose their own (approved) refuse collectors just as they choose their own milkmen.

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Law Report February 26 1987

Injunction plea against twin cassette deck machines fails

CBS Songs Ltd and Others v Amstrad Consumer Electronics plc and Others

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment February 25]

Copyright owners who could not bring themselves within the scope of any of the civil remedies expressly conferred by the Copyright Act 1956 were not entitled to relief by way of an injunction to restrain an incitement to commit an offence under section 21(3) of the Act.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment by a majority (Sir Denys Buckley dissenting) in allowing appeals by Amstrad Consumer Electronics plc and Dixons Ltd from the refusal of Mr Justice Whitford (*The Times* May 9, 1986) to strike out the statement of claim in an action by CBS Songs Ltd and others.

Mr Geoffrey Hobbs for Amstrad; Mr Michael Fysh for Dixons; Mr James Munby for CBS and other plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said the Copyright Act 1956 created rights of property and for their protection conferred civil remedies and imposed criminal liabilities.

The question arising on the appeal was whether copyright owners who, in respect of the acts complained of, could not bring themselves within the scope of any of the civil remedies expressly conferred by statute, nonetheless had a cause of action in equity for the grant of an injunction to restrain defendants from carrying out acts which constituted criminal offences and which damaged their copyrights.

In 1984 Amstrad introduced onto the market three new models of tape-to-tape recording machines (TS39, TS87 and SM104). A feature of the models was that they had two cassette decks from which it was possible to reproduce from one tape directly on to another, at twice the normal playback speed.

The machines and that facility were advertised on television and in the press in terms likely to encourage home copying of tapes. Amstrad sold only to the trade but in the advertisements Dixons were named as one the retailers from whom the tape decks could be purchased.

British Phonographic Industry Ltd (BPI), whose members comprised record companies making most of the lawful records sold in this country, wrote to Amstrad and its outlets, asserting that they were encouraging the public to break the law.

The upshot was two actions.

The first action, the declaratory action, was brought by Amstrad against BPI. The writ was issued in October 1984. The only substantive relief claimed was a declaration that Amstrad had not acted unlawfully as alleged or at all.

In November the writ in the present action, the second action, was issued by CBS, EMI Records Ltd and Chrysalis Records Ltd.

The principal relief claimed was an injuction restraining the defendants from parting with possession of the three models complained of without taking such precautions as were necessary to ensure that the copyrights in sound recordings or musical recordings owned by the plaintiffs were not infringed by the use of such machines.

In 1985, shortly before the declaratory action was due to take place, proceedings in the second action were stayed until further order.

In June the judge found in favour of BPI in the declaratory action and dismissed that action. In October an appeal by Amstrad was dismissed: see ([1986] FSR 159).

The Court of Appeal in that case decided that none of the issues raised in the statement of claim in the second action and relied on by BPI in its defence in the declaratory action gave rise to any civil liability on the part of Amstrad.

But the point was raised that the putting out by Amstrad of the advertising material complained of might be capable of amounting to an incitement to commit the crime created by section 21(3).

After the trial of the declaratory action the stay of the second action was lifted. In 1986 the plaintiffs in the second action issued a summons for leave to amend the statement of claim, so as to spell out and allege against Amstrad and Dixons the ingredients of the incitement offence.

The defendants resisted the amendment on the ground that they disclosed no cause of action. The judge decided that the plaintiffs had an arguable case for injuctive relief and he permitted the amendment.

Mr Munby's case was that there were circumstances in which a private individual could properly sue for an injuction to restrain breaches of the criminal law.

He submitted that whether or not a potential plaintiff could sue in respect of a breach of a statutory prohibition depended on the scope and language of the statute, and there was a distinction between two different rights or remedies which statute might confer on persons for whose protection or benefit a statutory obligation or prohibition, backed by an express criminal law sanction, had been passed:

1 as a matter of construction a statute might give rise to a duty owed not merely to the world at large but also to a class of "protected persons", the breach of which gave a member of the protected class a cause of action in tort for damages; and

2 a statute passed for the benefit of "protected persons" which did not create any duty, and thus could not give rise to a claim in tort for damages, might nevertheless entitle a member of the class of the protected persons to apply for an injuction: in such a case the plaintiff's claim was a claim in equity to enforce the observance of the criminal law.

Mr Munby accepted that the present case did not fall within his category (1) but said that it fell within (2).

In his Lordship's view there was no such category (2). The authorities on which he relied, including *Emperor of Austria v Day and Kossuth* ((1861) 3 de G F & J 216), *Gouriet v Attorney-General* ([1978] AC 435) and *RCA Corporation v Pollard* ([1983] Ch 135) did not establish that proposition.

Furthermore, the proposition was contrary to established principle. Apart from express statutory provision, persons other than the Attorney General had no standing to seek to enforce, through a civil court, the observance of the criminal law as such: their remedy was to bring a private prosecution.

Whether the plaintiffs had any cause of action in respect of the defendants' alleged incitement of others to infringe the plaintiffs' copyrightwas not argued. That was one of the questions decided by the Court of Appeal in favour of Amstrad in the declaratory action.

The only question argued on the incitement issue was the narrow one of whether the alleged incitement of others to commit the section 21(3) offence gave rise to claims in equity. It did not.

Accordingly, the plaintiffs' incitement claim as formulated was not legally sustainable, and the judge's order for leave to amend should be discharged.

But the overall of the appeals was that if the facts alleged against the defendants were correct, substantial manufacturers and distributors were, on a large scale, inciting others to infringe copyright in circumstances where the copyright owners had no practical remedy against the actual infringers and there was nothing the copyright owners could do through the courts to stop them. If, indeed, that was so, the present state of the law was gravely defective.

SIR DENYS BUCKLEY, dissenting, said that Mr Munby's argument in support of the equitable claim had been founded on, *inter alia*, the *Emperor of Austria*'s case. That case had never been disapproved and it appeared to be binding on the court.

That decision appeared to afford at least an arguable basis of support for the claim to injunctive relief. The decision was not affected by the decision in *Lonrho Ltd v Shell Petroleum Co Ltd* ([1982] AC 173).

For his part, his Lordship would dismiss the appeals.

Lord Justice Fox agreed with Lord Justice Nicholls.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co; Wilkinson Kimbers; Hamlin Slowe.

Heavy burden on bank to prove counterclaim alleging fraud

Taddale Investments plc v Banque Hypothecaire du Canton de Geneve

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir Edward Eveleigh

[Judgment February 20]

Where a claim for repayment of a sum of money involved an allegation which amounted to fraudulent conspiracy, it was not an appropriate case for summary judgment if the court was required to weigh probabilities or make adverse inferences from assertions in affidavits.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Banque Hypothecaire du Canton de Geneve, from the decision of Mr Justice Warner who on December 9, 1985, set aside an order for summary judgment made on October 21, 1985 by Master Barrett and granted the plaintiffs, Taddale Investments plc unconditional leave to defend the counterclaim.

Mr Colin Ross-Munro, QC and Miss Barbara Dohmann for the defendant bank; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Mr Patrick Talbot for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the action arose out of the plaintiff's claim relating to a written loan agreement.

There was also alleged to have been an oral agreement made in London between Mr Martin, head of the bank's investment portfolio department, and two of the plaintiffs' directors, Mr Gale and Mr Carlton, whereby Mr Martin on behalf of the bank agreed to buy 600,000 shares in Grubstaker Inc, a company concerned in goldmining in Arizona, at $4 a share.

The bank denied that it had entered into any such agreement or that Mr Martin had authority to bind the bank. They counterclaimed for the sum of £750,000 which had been paid to the plaintiff by Mr Martin without authority and sought summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr Carlton was now dead, Mr Gale had resigned from the plaintiffs and Mr Martin was no longer with the bank. The bank emphasized the inherent improbability of the agreement and said that the shares were worthless so that the bank would never have agreed to take them.

It was not satisfactory that on summary judgment the court should have to weigh that probability and it seemed that on the evidence there was an issue to be tried as to whether or not an agreement was made.

It was also said that if Mr Martin had authority in law to enter into the agreement the transaction was, to the knowledge of Mr Gale, Mr Carlton and Mr Martin, a fraud on the bank.

Although not specifically pleaded, the allegation was one of fraudulent conspiracy and it was said that the plaintiffs had ratified the acts of its fraudulent former employees.

The success of the application for summary judgment depended on the bank satisfying the court of the existence of a substantial and elaborate fraudulent conspiracy which was denied.

It was a heavy burden on the bank to show that the defence was shadowy. The bank said that the plaintiffs could not deny the assertions in the affidavits.

On summary judgment the court was not justified in drawing that conclusion and should be slow to make inferences adverse to the plaintiffs.

SIR EDWARD EVELEIGH, agreeing, said that complicated issues were not easily decided on affidavit evidence, especially since the affidavits did not even state the source of the evidence. It was an unsatisfactory way of dealing with the case.

Lord Justice O'Connor agreed.

Solicitors: Sears Tooth & Co; Durrant Piesse.

Home Office to consider refugee case

Regina v Immigration Officer, Gatwick Airport, Ex parte Harjendar Singh

A British protected person who, under section 3(1) of the Immigration Act 1971, had no right of entry to the United Kingdom without leave and sought leave to enter the UK since he had been refused entry to India, his normal place of residence, despite his desire to return there, was a refugee within the terms of article 1(2) of the Geneva Convention (1951) and Protocol (1957) relating to the Status of Refugees, and, accordingly, was not subject to refusal of leave to enter.

Mr Justice Nolan so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division on February 25 when he allowed an application for an order of *certiorari* to quash a decision of an immigration officer dated June 21, 1986, when she refused the applicant leave to enter.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that the officer, through no fault of her own, had failed to take account of a relevant consideration, namely, that the applicant was a refugee at the time and had rights under the Convention, including the right not to be sent to India. The matter had to be referred to the Home Office for consideration.

Justices have power to make costs order

Patel and Another v Blakey

A magistrates' court was entitled to make an award for costs in the defendant's favour pursuant to section 12(3) of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973 [now section 16(1) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985] where the court had no jurisdiction to proceed with a summary trial of an information since the information was laid outside the limitation of time prescribed by section 127(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Nolan) so held on February 25 when it allowed the defendants' appeals against the decision of Acton Justices on May 30, 1986, not to award defence costs on the basis, *inter alia*, that they had no jurisdiction to try the informations charged against the defendants; and remitted the case to the justices for further consideration.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that the limitation of time imposed by section 127 of the 1980 Act went to the consequence of the information not laid within the six-month period; it did not say that an information laid outside the time limit had not been laid.

LORD JUSTICE MAY, agreeing, said that whatever order the justices did make was a matter for them exercising their discretion judicially.

No further reasons

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Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, with whom Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Russell agreed, announced in the Court of Appeal on February 25 that their Lordships would not after all be giving fuller reasons for their decision in the case (*The Times*, February 25) following the refusal by the House of Lords to grant the plaintiffs leave to appeal.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the expanded reasons would have been concerned with technical arguments on the construction and interrelation of the Births and Deaths Registration Acts 1836-1926, the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 and the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929.

In view of the fact that the matter had since been considered by the House of Lords on the basis of the reasons already given by the Court of Appeal, their Lordships now considered that it would be inappropriate to add to their judgment.

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MUSIC HORIZONS

Notes from a brass factory

A cloth cap image which was once associated with brassbands, has given way to a classless following, and the approval and active support of serious musicians, says

CYRIL BAINBRIDGE

Sounding brass in a great tradition

In the history of music there are few more exciting manifestations than the evolution of the brass band movement. Its development is as important to social history as it is to musical history; only the choral tradition in Britain bears comparison.

Brass band origins have been traced to medieval times — the Waits of more than 500 years ago had similarities with the brass bands of today, particularly in the nature of some of their duties and in their dress, with its frequent over-indulgence in gold- braided trimmings.

Many of the duties of the Waits were more official, such as their regular participation in changing of the guard ceremonies at palaces, but other obligations such as playing music along the routes of royal and other processions are still performed by their modern counterparts.

The transition was then through church and town bands, which again have their echo in today's brass bands, many of which are invited to accompany hymn singing at church services. The bands of the Salvation Army are another example of the relationship between music and religion.

Brass bands as we know them today date from the period of the Industrial Revolution, when some of the more benevolent employers, particularly in mills and mines, sought to divert the excess energies of their workpeople away from potential agitation and debauchery into educational and recreational pursuits in which music had an important role.

Temperence an early influence

Mill owners encouraged the formation of bands by purchasing instruments, providing instruction and accommodation, and kitting them out in natty uniforms. Two notable examples of bands that have remained in the forefront of the brass band movement are Black Dyke Mills Band and, over the Lancashire border, Besses o' th' Barn Band.

Black Dyke was formed by a local man in 1816 in the Yorkshire moorland village of Queensbury, near Bradford. A local mill owner, John Foster, was one of its playing members and when the band was threatened with extinction he attached it to his mill, after which it was then named. The mill has continued to support it ever since.

Besses was formed two years after Black Dyke. Both were originally brass and reed bands, like most of the early bands; the change to wholly brass instrumentation came in the 1840s. The Victorian temperance movement also played a part in the formation of bands, some of which still exist although without the temperance tag, to lead the campaigns and parades against the evils of drink.

It was inevitable that the creation of bands would stimulate rivalry. Most of the early bands were formed in Yorkshire and Lancashire, where battles of the roses were re-fought musically, and rivalry in those counties was as intense between bands as it was on the cricket field. It was just as keen between bands in adjoining towns as it was between adjoining counties.

Now that brass bands are dispersed throughout the country, modern-day competition between bands and their supporters has been likened to the game of professional football. As in soccer, there are annual relegations and promotions, leading from area contests to the national championships in London, where the atmosphere resembles that of a cup final, as the performers are cheered on by their supporters.

It is the competitive element that has provided the impetus to brass banding over the years, although concerts also form an important and lucrative part of banding activity, particularly with bands in the championship class, and television and radio competitions have in recent years helped to widen interest.

The nature of their origins inevitably gave brass bands a cloth-cap image and condescension from mainstream music, which left them isolated and has taken generations to eradicate. They are now classless, with professional men — and women — making music alongside miners and millhands.

Despite their amateur status, brass bandsmen have proved, through their musical ability and artistry, that their playing is not a casual affair and many of them have earned the respect of distinguished composers and members of the orchestral establishment. Indeed, many players who started in brass bands have made a career in leading professional orchestras.

The brass band repertoire has undergone significant change, too. For a long time it consisted mainly of arrangements for brass bands of music from the theatre or opera: Reminiscences of Auber, Gems from Sullivan, Souvenirs of Mozart, were the sort of items that constituted a competition test piece or concert programme. The repertoire began to expand through the commissioning of new compositions as test pieces for contests, from composers such as Percy Fletcher and Cyril Jenkins, just before the 1914 war. Some of these have become traditional works.

Gustav Holst, who found the brass band a mellower and more flexible vehicle than the military band, was one of the first established and distinguished composers to write an original work for brass band, in 1928. Holst, impressed alike by the enthusiasm of the amateur bandsmen and their technical proficiency, sense of phrasing and real musicianship, became a propagandist for brass bands and was to a great extent responsible for their wider recognition.

He was followed by other distinguished composers who devoted time and interest by writing original works for the medium, rather than arrangements of other works.

By then a new generation of composers was writing for brass bands, including Gilbert Winter, Denis Wright and Frank Wright. One of the most prolific is Dr Eric Ball, who has combined the composition of a vast repertoire of sacred music for the Salvation Army with secular works for contesting bands.

Vast repertoire of sacred music

He has since been joined by younger composers like Elgar Howarth and Edward Gregson.

The renaissance of the brass band movement has been marked by a number of other significant factors. The patronage to which they owe their origins continues with increasing sponsorship by commercial concerns; women and girls are now generally accepted on their merits as players and conductors in what was formerly a totally male preserve; young players are encouraged through school and youth bands, providing a reservoir of talent; and there is growing interest in, and frequent exchange visits with, an expanding brass band movement in Europe.

These are all healthy signs of a progressive branch of the musical tree.

The author's book, Brass Triumphant, *is a social history of the brass band movement.*

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

February 26, 1987

Industry itself must be the first to combat the prejudices against industry, says Diana McMahon

Considering the depth and scale of the task that Industry Year set out to tackle – to change our anti-industrial attitudes – and the *virtual invisibility of the* problem, the response has been remarkable. Significant signs of change are already apparent, particularly in relationships between industry and education, and it is the educational world that has *largely dictated the pace.*

Education is experiencing profound changes within its own system – some would say it is an educational revolution – which are entirely complementary to Industry Year's aims.

Schools, colleges and universities have clearly demonstrated that they *recognize the value of* forming close partnerships with industry. The most vivid evidence of this is shown by the increase in linking secondary schools with local companies.

In 1985 fewer than 25 per cent were linked; in just 12 months this rose to more than 75 per cent. An evaluation scheme is under way to measure the quality of the links and a recognition scheme for companies and schools working *together* has been launched. Working groups have been formed *involving teacher-training* establishments and industry, and primary *school workshops, in* which industrialists participate, have taken place in every region of the UK.

But has industry responded with equal enthusiasm?

A number of companies have responded vigorously, but many more have been half-hearted or *have taken no action at all. If* industry is not to lose the opportunity presented by the changes in education (for which it has been pressing for many years), it needs to respond constructively to the challenge. If it does not, enthu*siasm will change to disillusion.*

Industry needs to show that it is prepared to become involved, and companies, whatever their size, have a role to play. The target of "linking" is still valid, with the emphasis on primary schools in 1987, but many more companies need to come forward to ensure *that every school is properly* linked. People in industry are busy, and understandably have concern about diversion of resources, but there are positive benefits to be gained. There is a wide menu of activity from which to choose and a great deal of help available to identify what to do and how to start.

Those companies that form worthwhile partnerships are often surprised to find tangible benefits to their own organizatons as well as to the school. The practical *nature of the work and the* enthusiasm of the children can *make the relationship not only* useful but fun for company staff, *developing personal communica*tion and "ambassadorial" skills in the individual employee.

Some of the initiatives that have been particularly successful during 1986, in which companies of all types and sizes can participate, have been:

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The most valuable relationship lies in the establishment of long-term partnerships, whether with *local primary and secondary* schools, colleges, universities or teacher-training establishments. There are numerous ways of contributing to the effort, and information is available from Industry Matters and the many established "linking" organizations around the country.

The evidence of Industry Year shows that there are two main *outcomes from effective industry*-education partnerships:

- A better understanding by *teachers and pupils of* what goes on in industry and the wide *variety of people and skills* it needs.
- A better appreciation by people in industry of the work going on in schools and recent changes in education.

Central though education is for lasting change, Industry Year set out to involve the whole community, thereby reaching the adult population who are *vital to atti*tude change, both as individuals and as parents. Industry Year could not hope to affect how people think and feel about industry by exhortation alone, or by a public relations campaign to *alter industry's "image".*

The key to what has been an overwhelming reaction was to provide targets and stimulate action in almost every part of the *community, putting industry on* agendas where it had never appeared before. When *it* became clear that the Year was about changes in behaviour and performance, and action by individuals and organizations throughout the United Kingdom, then it began to take off. In women's groups, churches, museums and galleries, in addition to education, local people found an active role for themselves.

But what happened *inside* companies?

Four areas for action, apart from linking with education, were put forward – holding open days, communicating within the com*pany, working* with the media, and relationships with the local community. *Of these,* open days were the most visible and the most immediately effective way of increasing awareness. They were also the most successful method of *forging relationships* with the community and local media, but also for instilling a feeling *of pride* and worth among employees.

There are first-class examples of companies that have undertaken programmes embracing all these activities, *mostly larger* organizations, and there are a few that were already active and needed only to link their existing activities to Industry Year. But the majority of companies, particularly the smaller ones, took little or no action.

But the opportunity remains to *build on the* achievements of 1986; a surge of interest has been created and industry *needs now to* capitalize on it. The commitment of people working in industry is vital if we are to change anti-industrial attitudes.

Much has been achieved; there is still much to be done. To help maintain the momentum and provide a focus for future work, the campaign is continuing under the banner of Industry Matters. For this, the elements that formed the basis for Industry Year 1986 will continue to be essential:

- Clear and measurable targets.
- A network of regional and local groups bringing in all parts of the community.
- The participation of all relevant institutions, including government.
- An independent focal point to provide *leadership* and stimulate action (the RSA – the Royal Society for the encouragement of the Arts, Manufactures and Commerce – which initiated Industry Year).

Of all these, the network of people working at local level (now *some 300 groups and still growing)* will be the key to maintaining the momentum after *1986. It is* through their work and their ability to make the campaign relevant to local people that success so far has been achieved.

Despite the cynics, despite the sceptics, Industry Year made *things happen. It is only* through continuing action by us all, but in particular by industry itself, that the battle against anti-industrial attitudes will be won.

Diana McMahon, formerly deputy director of Industry Year, is programme director of Industry Matters, an initiative of the Royal Society for the encouragement of the Arts, Manufactures and Commerce

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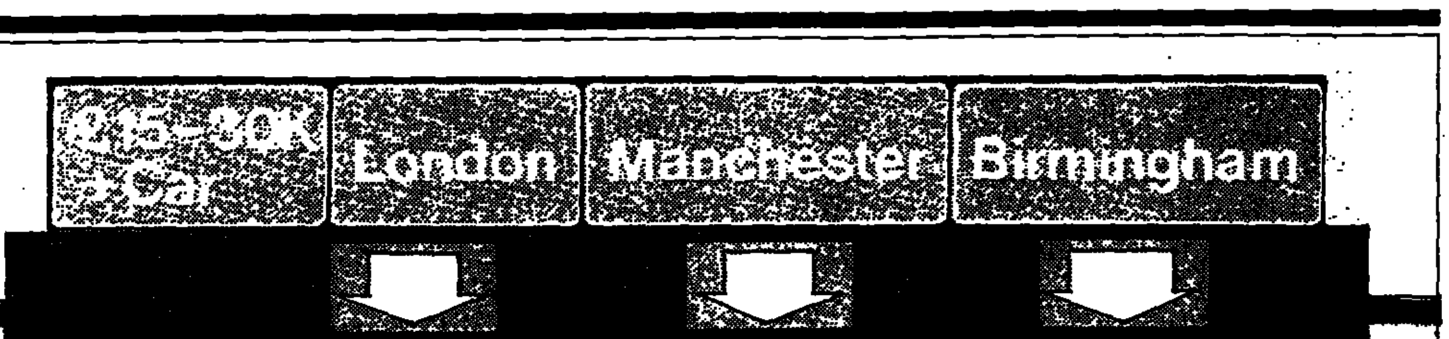

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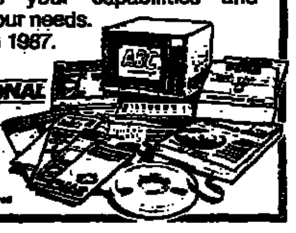

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A guide to career development

Forty reasons to make job satisfaction the main aim

At the crossroads in mid-career, it may be better to give up hopes of moving up, and instead examine possible moves sideways, writes **Roger Jones**

Some time ago I was chatting with two people whom society would doubtless consider very successful. One was a solicitor in his forties who was doing very well for himself financially, while the other — in his fifties — was general manager of a substantial engineering company and also very comfortably off.

A recipe for contentment I should have thought, yet both of them had the same complaint: they were bored.

The more cynical among us — who aspire to the heights of financial well-being yet have so far failed to scale them — may scoff at the dilemma of these two people. Boredom is surely a small price to pay for a healthy bank balance.

Yet it is a problem that can affect most middle-aged employees at all levels if they have been in the same job for a considerable length of time.

Job satisfaction, alas, is not necessarily proportional to job longevity, and even jobs which appear quite fascinating at first can become subject to routine and boring after a prolonged period of time. For the younger professional this may not represent a problem at all.

He or she is primarily interested in career advancement — climbing the promotion ladder, in other words.

But with the onset of middle-age, as people start to take stock of their careers, a great many are faced with the probability of little if any change in their working condition. Indeed if any change does occur, they feel it is likely to be for the worse.

Overfamiliarity with one's job may not necessarily breed contempt, but it can stifle the creative process. One view I have seen reported suggests that changes of environment are vital — for scientists and engineers in particular — to stimulate the process of invention and imagination.

There is a suggestion that the optimum number of years for a scientist to stay in a given field should be his (or her) age divided by six or seven — from about four years at an early stage in a career to about nine in the later stages.

Such a formula is intended to balance the need for freshness against the need for familiarity.

Unfortunately, the idea of change and renewal for more senior staff is rarely put into effect by their employers. This means, in effect, that firms are encouraging inflexibility and obsolescence among their employees.

It does not bode well for the health of our institutions in the future if Britain's top people are going to be fixed in their ways and out of date.

What options are open to a middle-aged employee in such circumstances? The first is to soldier on and regard the latter part of his career as a period of consolidation, where for much of the time he may be operating on auto-pilot.

For scientists and engineers, changes of environment can be vital to stimulate the process of invention

The need for stimulus will have to come from outside the workplace, and there are plenty of options open there. One might, for instance, decide to play a more active role in public life, like standing for the local council or becoming a Justice of the Peace.

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A second option is to move laterally within the organization. Many of us are conditioned into believing that there is only one direction in which our careers can travel, and that is upwards.

Yet the desire for promotion, though entirely admirable, can lead to utter frustration. While everyone entering a company may set his sights on the managing directorship, at the end of the day all but one are going to be disappointed.

Instead of retiring into a shell to sulk about the injustice of it all, it is surely more sensible to set oneself other goals as well, of which one could be enhanced job satisfaction.

A lateral transfer, if feasible, might prove to be the ideal solution, provided it offers fresh challenges and the chance to deploy different skills.

The third course of action is to change jobs, which sometimes requires courage — particularly for the very mature employee. The present climate of employment does not exactly favour job changing, one instance being company pension schemes that normally penalize heavily anyone who leaves the fold.

Not that all job-moves are voluntary. Indeed, it is too often redundancy or deteriorating work prospects that cause people to change direction.

Some will try to join another organization while others may set up on their own or follow a course of training as a prelude to a more fundamental career shift.

Personal circumstances will generally have some bearing on one's decision, and clearly, if you have heavy financial commitments, such as a mortgage and a teenage family to support, you will proceed cautiously.

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There is a final option for the mature employee, mentioned by Cooper and Torrington in their book *After 40: the Time for Achievement*, and this is to step down. Few are ready to countenance such a move since it is usually construed as an admission of failure.

There are, however, circumstances in which it could be a sensible and honourable option, poor health being just one of them. I see little point in working yourself into the grave in your fifties unless you are really desperate.

In today's competitive world the words "success" and "failure" are often bandied about too glibly. A 50-year-old is quite different from a 25- year-old, both in his outlook and the contribution he can make.

In some cases this contribution turns out to be negative. Instead of being an instigator of change a person may turn out to be hostile to new methods — which he does not understand — regarding them as likely to undermine his position. He digs in his heels and resists.

I am not sure whether we have yet come to terms with the role of the over-40s in a time of rapid technological change.

People still cling to the tradition of starting off in a slot and moving slowly up the ladder, with little thought being given to ways of rekindling the inventiveness and creativity of those near the top of the hierarchy.

Redundancy, whatever its drawbacks, is forcing many to reappraise their role and their goals. Perhaps others whose future looks much more secure should carry out a similar exercise ... especially if boredom is setting in.

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RUGBY UNION

Selectors make minor changes for the match against Wales

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

England's selectors confirmed their belief that their team is gradually knitting together by announcing, yesterday, the minimum changes required for the Five Nations championship game against Wales in Cardiff on March 7. The team that ended the match against France last Saturday in a 19-15 defeat will take the field against the Welsh, which means a fifth cap for Gareth Chilcott, the Bath loosehead prop.

Chilcott played all but 13 minutes of the match against France after replacing Paul Rendall (Wasps), whose torn calf muscle will keep him out for another fortnight, though he has hopes of being fit by March 28, should his club be successful in reaching the semi-finals of the John Player Special Cup on that day.

There is comfort for Wasps, however, in that their tight-head prop, Jeff Probyn, joins England replacements for the first time. Probyn went with the England squad to Ireland for their first championship match on February 7 as a precautionary measure because Rendall was then suffering from a suspect hamstring, but he was an addition to the party and was not on the bench.

Mike Harrison, the Wakefield wing, ended the French match with a bruised hip but there is no worry over his fitness for Cardiff; he will, however, be unable to join the team when they have their main pre-match workout in Bath on March 5 because he is required by his firm to attend a banking course.

Most of those in Cardiff will be counting on Wales to maintain their unbroken 24-year run of success against England at home. Even though Wales themselves are in the process of building a team, they will look at the English side and recognize known quantities: particularly the threat posed by the big lineout men, Wade Dooley and Steve Bainbridge (who should be a more potent factor in a fortnight with extra match fitness behind him), who will find Robert Norster and Steve Sutton less accommodating than the French locks.

A change of personnel might have created some doubt in Welsh minds and changes must surely have been discussed by the England selectors (in what was described as a short meeting) in the light of the B team's excellent 22-9 win over France B *on Friday and errors of* judgment made in the course of Saturday's match, most notably in attack.

Probyn, however, is the only member of the B team to move up and that because of injury. No-one, therefore, could accuse England of lack of loyalty or consistency with regard to their players but several members of the team to play Wales will be aware of the need to perform well in Cardiff: the most obvious challengers remain Jon Webb, the Bristol full back, Simon Halliday, the Bath centre, and another good game for Orrell at stand-off half on Saturday by Peter Williams would not hurt his prospects.

Richard Hill needs to confirm his vision for the game, despite the vote of confidence that his captaincy and his team have received. Twice in successive matches England have forced five-metre scrums and have not looked as though they really knew how best to take advantage of them. The back row trio will also be looking over their shoulders to see whether Dean Richards is likely to be in contention for the Calcutta Cup match in April and, if so, who will be asked to step down.

Challengers await

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Deans: milestone match

Scotland hooker is top of world

By Ian McLanchlan

Following their victory over Ireland, Scotland's selectors, not unexpectedly, have named the same 21-man squad to face France in Paris on Saturday week. Brewster, the original prop replacement, has recovered from his calf muscle injury *but has yet to play a match, so* Rowan retains his place on the bench.

The game in Paris will be an important milestone in the careers of two great Hawick forwards as Alan Tomes becomes Scotland's most capped lock with 43 appearances for his country while his captain, Colin Deans, who will be gaining his 46th cap, will become the most capped hooker in world rugby.

Another Hawick man, Robin Charters, the chairman of the Scottish selectors, stated that his committee had spent much time *discussing last weekend's game* with Ireland and acknowledged that France would pose considerably more and different problems for the Scotland side.

Charters added that he would be looking for a much tighter display from the Scottish forwards as well as a reduction in the number of mistakes made by the backs. It could be added that if Scotland are to win for the first time ever in Parc des Princes they must convert their chances into points by running in tries and kicking their penalties.

In their two international championship games this season France have been reasonably well contained up front by both Wales and England but I fear that Scotland are less well equipped to limit this source possession, particularly in the tight scrum.

Scotland's best chance of victory lies in containing and frustrating the French forwards in the tight and in exploiting to the full the speed and skill of their own forwards in support play. Their backs must, as they successfully did against Ireland, hassle the opposition into mistakes and disrupt their pattern of play.

The visitors could be helped in this respect by the New Zealand referee, Keith Lawrence, as he will be more interested in keeping the game open and playing advantage rather than allowing a war of attrition among the forwards.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians); M D F Duncan (West of Scotland), D S Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP), S Hastings (Watsonians), I Tukalo (Selkirk); J Y Rutherford (Selkirk), R J Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); D M B Sole (Bath), C T Deans (Hawick, capt), I G Milne (Heriot's FP), A J Tomes (Hawick), I A M Paxton (Selkirk), J Jeffrey (Kelso), J R Beattie (Glasgow Academicals), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP). Replacements: N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), G J Callander (Kelso), D B White (Gala), G H Oliver (Hawick), K W Robertson (Melrose), P W Dods (Gala).
Referee: K Lawrence (New Zealand).

Singapore's grip on rugby lives

By Chris Than

The history of rugby union in Singapore is closely-linked with the Singapore Cricket Club. This weekend, a seven-a-side tournament that began in obscurity on the Pading — the SCC's world-famous ground — celebrates its fortieth anniversary in the same glorious surroundings, with the reputation of being one of the biggest and best-organized on the international circuit.

For the occasion, 32 clubs from 12 countries as diverse as England and Indonesia, and Thailand and New Zealand, will celebrate by taking part in the International Singapore Sevens.

The tournament evolved from a small-scale club event. Up until 1972, it was confined to teams from Singapore and Malaysia, plus guests drawn from the endless Services teams on station or visiting the island.

In 1982, an enthusiastic and forward-looking group of expatriates decided to go international in style. The reason, according to chief organizer of the SCC Sevens, Ralph King, was quite simple.

"We wanted to ensure the long-term survival of the game in Singapore. We all anticipated the demise of the expatriates in Singapore. Our attempt is a psychological reflex in trying to *secure the survival of the game,*" he said.

"The expatriate community have identified themselves with a general thrust of the nation, which meant self-reliance, ingenuity and determination. We felt that rugby was ideally-suited to educate those values and decided to introduce the game in schools on a large scale."

Despite setbacks and difficulties the game is making inroads in Singaporean schools. Five years ago, only seven or eight played rugby; now, there are over 40. In order to increase *the interest in the game,* the finals of the local schools sevens competition have been scheduled to take place before the finals of the International Singapore Sevens on Sunday.

The real McCoy will give it a go

By George Ace

The most significant pointer to emerge from the teams named yesterday for the trial at Ravenhill, Belfast next Wednesday is the decision to switch McCoy to loose-head prop in the Combined Provinces team.

McCoy has played all his **rugby — for club, Ulster and in seven internationals to date — on the other side of the scrum. The decision tends to emphasize a worrying aspect highlighted at Murrayfield last Saturday of a lack of mobility in the Irish front five.**

McCoy is immensely strong and while his scrummaging technique may fall short of the master, Philip Orr, his pace and aggression in the loose are undoubted assets to any side. It is an interesting experiment and the 29-year-old Bangor player is ***certain to give it a real go.***

McCoy lost his tight-head spot after the French match in Paris last year to Des Fitzgerald and has been on the substitute's bench ever since.

The selectors have certainly produced a pot-pourri, splitting up club and provincial partnerships in an effort to produce two well-balanced sides.

The deposed captain and hooker, Ciaran Fitzgerald, will lead the Combined Provinces and the Ulster captain, David Irwin, is at the helm for The Rest, playing in the centre alongside his youthful Ulster colleague Bill Harbinson.

Michael Gibson, the London **Irish No. 8, who broke a bone in his hand after the Romanian match, which ruled him out of the Irish trial, is the only exile on view.**

His performance will come under the closest scrutiny for, as well as Anderson played last Saturday in the middle of the back row, there is a strong lobby of opinion in Ireland that he is a greater asset to the team at lock.

COMBINED PROVINCES: P Rainey (Ballymena); P Haycock (Terenure College), P Clinch (Lansdowne), M C Finn (Cork Const), T McMaster (Bangor); A Ward (Greystones), F Aherne (Dolphin); J *McCoy (Bangor), C Fitzgerald (St Mary's* College, capt), B McKibbin (Instonians), D Morrow (Bangor), M Moylett (Shannon), N Francis (Blackrock College), W Sexton (Lansdowne), B Spillane (Bohemians).

THE REST: P Danaher (Lansdowne); J Sexton (Dublin University), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), W Harbinson (Malone), G O'Kelly (Dolphin); R Keyes (Cork Const), A Doyle (Greystones); J Langbroek (Blackrock College), J McDonald *(Malone), P McCarthy (Dolphin), W Duncan* (Malone), J Holland (Cork Const), J Collins (Dublin University), P Collins (Lansdowne), M Gibson (London Irish).

Back at the helm: Fitzgerald leads Combined Provinces

SQUASH RACKETS

Ardleigh Hall hold key to Dunnings Mill hopes

By Colin McQuillan

Ardleigh Hall, the Essex club that battled all the way to the final rubber of the season before losing last year's American Express Premier League title on games countback to Cannons Club, this year hold the key to a similar championship scrap between Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill and Skol Leicester.

A fine tactical victory by Philip Kenyon, the British No. 1 and world No. 4, over New Zealand's world No. 3, Stuart Davenport, edged the Poundstretchers into a mathe*matical* lead over Leicester's "Skolars" with a 3-2 result from their vital clash in this week's penultimate fixture.

Both teams finished the night with 87 points but, despite having lost more rubbers and dropped more games, Dunnings Mill hold a crucial two-match *lead in the won* and lost columns. They need only to equal the achievements of Leicester in next week's conclusive fixtures to clinch the title.

It is this balance that brings Ardleigh Hall into the picture once more. The Essex side has already doomed Visco Monroe, the newly-promoted *but always* struggling Wakefield club, to instant relegation by beating them 4-1 this week.

Next week Leicester travel to Ardleigh's Colchester, weakened in their middle order by the siren call of qualifying rounds *for the* Spanish Open. Dunnings Mill are at home in East Grinstead to Nottingham, once the paramount club side in Europe but this year saved from relegation only by Ardleigh's trouncing of Visco Monroe and lacking sufficient funds to pay for the inclusion of their leading players, Briars and Pollard.

There is little doubt that Skol Leicester have the strength behind Davenport to overcome Ardleigh Hall but, with Paul Carte, Paul Millington and Simon Taylor likely to enter the simultaneous qualifying rounds in Madrid they will be struggling to match the comprehensive victory a full strength Poundstretcher squad can expect over a weakened Nottingham side at Dunnings Mill.

Cannons Club, this year sponsored by InterCity, are once against fighting right down to the last fixture. This time, however, the outcome of their match against Manchester Northern can realistically settle only third and fourth positions between the two clubs, both on 83 points with Cannons marginally ahead on countback.

No such dilemma concerns Arrow Village, the Manchester club that joined the league as late replacement for Edgbaston Priority. With a single win in the 17 fixtures, Village are already consigned to relegation with Visco Monroe.

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Visco Monro 1, Ardleigh Hall 4; Gatorade Chapel Allerton 2, Manchester Northern 3; Arrow Village 2, Intercity Cannons 3; Home Ales Nottingham 4, Halls West Country 1; Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 3, Central Skol Oadby 2.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, Dunnings Mills, 87pts; 2, Oadby, 87; 3, Cannons, 83; 4, Manchester, 83.

FISHING

Association mourns the passing of a showman

By Conrad Voss Bark

"There are some people," wrote Bernard Darwin, "who are such deep-rooted and familiar institutions in the lives of a particular circle it is hard for its members to believe that they are not known to all the world."

No words could be chosen to fit ***Jack Martin, world champion tournament*** **caster and teacher, who died last week at the age of 65 while on holiday in Canada. Among his small circle of fly and bait casting professionals he was indeed the most familiar institution.**

He was also seen by wider audiences of many thousands who go to the various game and country fairs throughout England and Wales. At these he gave brilliant demonstrations of fly and bait casting which he carried to a fine art of showmanship, whisking cigarettes out of people's lips with a cast from varying distances.

He thought nothing of making perfect casts simultaneously, with four-ply rods, all held in one hand. The organizer of the Country Landowners Game Fair, Colonel Rees White, called him "a tremendous character".

Jack Martin was ***either*** **president or a founder member of many Yorkshire fishing clubs, including the Scarborough Sea Anglers, the Derwent Anglers and the York Fly Fishers. He started tournament casting in the 1950s, organised the world** ***tournament*** **in 1973, and for many years was secretary of the British Casting Association.**

As secretary of the Association of Professional Game Fishing Instructors he was responsible for imposing high standards of tuition and examination.

Born in Yorkshire, he had a great concern for his fellows which also expressed itself in social work. He sat on industrial tribunals, was a member of the Scarborough Bench, and chairman of the Licensing Committee. He was a man of many talents.

RACKETS

Guards show fighting spirit

Major Christopher Braith*waite and Captain Giles de* Lotbiniere of the 15th/19th Hussars defeated Second Lieutenant Stephen Segrave and Second Lieutenant Conolly Morris-Adams, of the Irish Guards, 15-4, 15-4, 15-7 in the inter-regimental doubles championship at Queen's Club yesterday.

They were the first couple entered by the Irish Guards for many years and they put up a good performance in a fine match. Braithwaite has won the Army singles championship six times and Segrave was in the public schools' championship winning pair for Harrow in 1984.

Gatting emerges as a leader unharmed by the spoils of victory

England's reluctant hero

Michael William Gatting should be an inspiration to us all. When a man overcomes a vicious set of life's dis*advantages — a porky phy*sique, not going to a public school, and supporting Spurs — to become captain of England's cricket team, he deserves our undiluted admiration.

And when he comes home — as he did last week — after an Ashes triumph in Australia to say "It was very nice" to a breath-bated nation, he deserves even more. Incredulity, perhaps. But this is the genuine Mike Gatting. "Not one for the Thesaurus," he admits.

About the most hysterical thing that Gatting will say about his last four-and-a-half months of Antipodean glory is that it was "great". In fact, England won everything in sight from the Ancient Ashes to the freshly-minted Perth Challenge. Gatting scored a century in Adelaide, overslept famously in Melbourne and kept Ian Botham in order.

'I feel I've lived out a fairy-tale'

It was a fabulous, unqualified success. "Yes, it was quite taxing," Gatting said. He can hardly be accused of overstatement. After the Aussie adventure, he could have been forgiven for cavorting through Heathrow like a conquering hero to deliver a ringing I-told-you-so speech into the volley of flashbulbs and microphones. Instead, the airline mislaid his luggage and he had to hang about customs for an ***hour.***

When finally he did emerge, he said it was to answer stupid questions like how did he feel and was he tired. He has not a terribly high opinion of the media intelligentsia. They may respond that the feeling is ***mutual. In his nine months as*** **England captain, his Press statements have become more potent than Valium for inducing a trance-like torpor in his listeners.**

But beneath that solid, cool, undemonstrative exterior lurks a 29-year-old man, it is safe to assume, feeling a bit pleased with himself.

"Yes, I feel I've lived out a fairy-tale. I never really did think I was going to captain England. And I didn't particu*larly want it the way I got* it . . . by default. But I can't help it if I've been given the job. I have to do it the only way I know how. I never ask anyone to do what I wouldn't do myself".

Gatting: an inspiration (Drawing: Gerald Broadhead)

That must give him a fair latitude. Not many human beings would voluntarily return to last winter's West Indian nightmare to face the fast bowler that had just smashed their nose to pieces with a cricket ball. But Gatting asked himself to do it, and did.

"It was the first time cricket has given me any broken bones. I thought, 'Right, fair enough'. Fortunately, there was no lasting damage."

It is scarcely credible that only 12 months ago Gatting departed Jamaica with two raccoon-like black eyes and left behind him a piece of shattered bone embedded in the ball that bowled him over. "We were at a low ebb," he said.

Low ebb! England's tide was so far out they were in as many tiny psychological pieces as Gatting's ex-nose. Finally, in a bid to put the bulldog back in ***the team, the man who cap*****tained Middlesex without a public school tie in his wardrobe and with a brother who plays football for Brighton was elevated to stardom and captaincy of England.**

The rest will be history. He ***lost to India.*** **He lost to New Zealand. But even as the Aussies were catching fat little pigs to release on to pitches with "Gatting" scrawled on their side . . . England were poised for a comeback.**

This time he brought no bruised and blackened eyes home as a souvenir. This time he brought a stump from the second World Series Cup match in which the battered Australians suffered their final indignity.

He relishes the leadership role

This time he left no fragments of flesh or bone behind him. Just bits of a World Series Cup England shirt which had a nasty ***habit*** **of falling apart on him. Must have been the exertion, nothing to do with the steaks.**

Now, unlike those Australian pyjamas, Gatting has a air of permanence about him. He has already been named as captain of the MCC team which will celebrate their bicentenary in August by playing the Rest of the World, led by Allan Border. He is relishing the opportunity to pick a team from county cricket ***which will include, if*** **he has his way, the very Malcolm Marshall who bounced him in Jamaica. "I appreciate fine cricketers. It's as simple as that," he said.**

And he very definitely appreciates the unlooked-for chance to lead England. While Botham and Gooch may never tour again, and while Gatting himself has lamented the surfeit of cricket that keeps him away from home so often — he frequently forgets how long he has been married, he wants to carry on. His pugnacious spirit is ready to preside over England for at least the next three years.

"I would like to see us do a bit more. To consolidate our achievement," he said. "If England can stay at the top for two or three years, then that might make me start jumping up and down a bit."

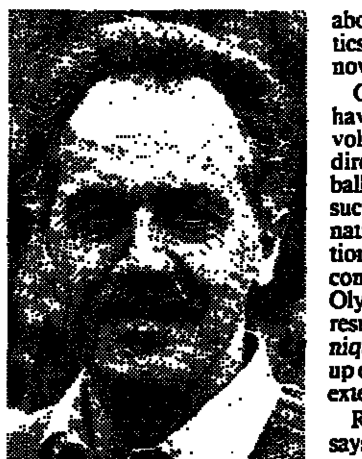
That we have to see.

Sue Mott

Innovative presentation that satisfies players and viewers is Channel 4's aim

Giving air to unorthodox views

In its short existence Channel 4 has had a remarkable impact on televised sport. In the final part of this series **ADRIAN METCALFE,** who controls sport on the network, talks with Ian Edwards, the former ITN sports correspondent.



Metcalfe: outspoken critic

Adrian Metcalfe is provocative, intolerant of anything second-rate, outspoken in his criticism, and not afraid of being labelled an eccentric, because that is what he is supposed to be, as Channel 4's head of sport.

The station's brief was to be innovative and different; to introduce fresh ideas and new voices and faces to television; to work closely with ITV; and to offer the ITV viewer a fresh approach to sports broadcasting.

American football a great success

He has scored an immense success with the imported coverage of American football, in particular, but he is more interested in exploring different and more stimulating forms of coverage than in discovering new sports. He acknowledges it is a risky policy, because of the increased chance of mistakes, but "we also risk finding exciting things, and getting closer to the heart of a sport."

That implies that the onus of presentation lies almost as heavily on sports themselves as on the television com*panies, and this is where he* does not hesitate to go beyond his Channel 4 brief.

Television techniques may have improved considerably over the last decade, with better presenters, better graphics, more music and more style, but Metcalfe accuses traditional sports — especially football — of ignoring similar skills at their peril.

"I am astonished the paying public puts up with the state of things as they are in football," he said. "The stadiums are mucky and it is not cheap to get in. Most people's perception of the game, however, is on television and the game should be asking itself whether it could be presented in a lively and more interesting way. If the spectators are not happy with the actual event, in the long run, television will not be there."

He would like to identify players readily by seeing names on shirts or shorts rather than the names of lagers or computer companies. No stadium should be without its own cameras and a huge video-screen as part of its comprehensive presentation of information. Aeroplane-style headsets should be distributed to back up the dual information with continuous commentary, instead of the often-incomprehensible messages emanating from ancient loudspeakers like railway station announcements.

In the same way, he suggests television should not discard recorded-highlight programmes in favour of the current fashion for live games. "Dubbed commentaries are better in a 45-minute recorded *programme,"* claimed Metcalfe. "If a player is injured you have time to analyse the incident properly without missing any play, and back it up with news from hospital.

"The way we cover football at the moment, we are never learning about the insides of the game. I understand more about American football tactics than English football now."

One sport that seems to have learned the lesson is volleyball. Des Bradley is the director of Channel 4's volleyball programmes, a Scot of such talent that the International Volleyball Federation have named him their consultant for the Seoul Olympics next year. As a result of Bradley's fresh tech*niques, Metcalfe said the pick*-up of interest in schools is now extensive.

Returning to his brief, he says Channel 4 will stick to covering sports that people do, rather than watch. Whereas he finds motor racing "fantastically tedious", city-centre cycling, on the other hand, is far more attractive. "Eighty thousand people turned up for the event we covered at Westminster, and we also ran a short film on the benefits of taking up cycling. We were amazed when 50,000 wrote in for more information, which showed that people were willing to get off their backsides."

We should not look in the Channel 4 listings for snooker and darts: "Mogadon sports," as Metcalfe calls them. "You do not have to exercise your brain very hard to enjoy them, and they are heavily slewed to the over-fifties in any case. We do not necessarily want older viewers to watch Channel 4."

Swimming, "another boring TV sport that is predictably covered", is something he would like to develop further, although the BBC now have the contract. He staged a one-off programme in Newport — without the sanction of the Amateur Swimming Association — as a pure experiment.

He turned the pool into a studio by blacking the windows and giving each team a colour. The green team had a green lane, their supporters wore green hats and scarves in a green area of seats. The event took place to the accompaniment of rock music and disco lights.

Three underwater cameras were used, and an additional mobile camera was operated by a frogman swimming *alongside the racers.* "We introduced swimmers as characters beforehand, spoke to them, saw their bright animated faces before they put on hats and goggles," he explained. "They loved it. They got the impression they were being taken seriously for a change, and suddenly, we felt we had the right dimension."

He is also proud of the new initiative he has taken with horse racing. "We are now very jaunty and well-informed, compared to the BBC's staid service, and we cover major international events, including the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Breeder's Cup and Kentucky Derby.

"All we now need is to feel more of racing's speed and power by having cameras follow alongside the horses throughout. If it can't find new viewers, racing will die. We need Yuppies interested, and racing can give them dash, colour and sparkle."

Such novel presentation is essential, says Metcalfe, if the established networks are to compete with the emerging cable and satelite companies. For the DBS revolution (Direct Broadcast by Satellite), he says, will be as significant as the video explosion, and be upon us very quickly.

Fears for quality of future production

Paradoxically, he hopes the BBC never joins the ranks of pay-as-you-watch companies. As the number of television outlets increases, and thousands of hours of air-time become available, Metcalfe fears a reduction in the quality of production levels, and wonders whether programmes will be as lovingly and carefully produced in future.

"It takes 17 hours to produce the American football programme for Channel 4, and a single sound edit can *sometimes* take 15 minutes to get right. If you have got 24 hours to fill, you are going to crash through it.

"The BBC's rigorous insistence on the highest standards of quality and training has been admirable, but could be *compromised* if they, too, become a subscription service," he warned. "There is a danger that if we consign our cultural strengths to the market-place of the lowest common denominator, we are going to lose them.

"*We're in a golden age of* television now, and I think Channel 4 reflects our society very well, but we risk losing an important part of the fabric that makes Britain a good place to live in. We may offer eccentric quality at times, but there is a danger that cable will offer concentric tat."

RACING: ELSWORTH'S CHELTENHAM HOPES WARM UP AT WINCANTON TODAY

Desert Orchid ready to blaze trail again over extended trip

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The presence of Desert Orchid and West Tip in the field for the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton today should help to attract a bumper-sized crowd to the Somerset course.

Following those exciting wins at Kempton in December and Sandown earlier this month, Desert Orchid is now firmly established as one of the most popular horses in training and is on course for a crack at the Queen Mother Champion Chase at the Festival meeting.

West Tip also commands a big following having won the Grand National last spring.

This, and probably one other race at a suitable interval, will comprise West Tip's preparation for another crack at the Aintree spectacular on April 4 for which he is already firmly entrenched as favourite.

As far as today's race is concerned, it will be surprising if Desert Orchid does not have the legs of both West Tip and Mr Moonraker on this course and on these terms.

True, the distance of three miles and a furlong will be the furthest that he has ever raced. But the good going and the sharp nature of the course are tailor-made for him and he was not exactly stopping at the end of three miles at either Kempton or Sandown.

There is also a small but select field for the Kingwell Pattern Hurdle, headed by the Champion Hurdle entries Barnbrook Again and Prideaux Boy.

Like Desert Orchid, Barnbrook Again is trained at Whitsbury by David Elsworth.

Unlike his stable companion, he does not appear to have nearly as much in hand today.

In last year's Champion Hurdle Prideaux Boy, who enters the fray fresh from winning Wolverhampton's trial on Monday with his head on his chest, finished just a neck behind Nohalmdun, who beat Barnbrook Again by 2½ lengths at Ascot in December when in receipt of 4lb. That suggests Barnbrook Again should just about manage to regain the winning trail again this afternoon when the presence of that habitual front-runner Hypnosis in the line-up is likely to help his cause considerably.

Otherwise, it could pay to follow Steve Smith Eccles riding for the Lambourn trainer Nicky Henderson in the two divisions of the Mere Maiden Hurdle.

Regal Castle (3.00), my selection to win the first, ran well enough at Sandown in January when finishing fourth to Flying Benny to suggest that a modest prize should come his way while **Mevagissey** (4.30) caught my eye at Newbury 12 days ago when shaping with promise on his hurdling debut in the race won by Prairie Oyster.

The day's best bet is **Upham Kelly** who is napped to win the *Racing Post* Handicap Hurdle at Folkestone and thus make jockey Mark Dwyer's first visit to the East Kent course a memorable one.

The winner of similar races at Towcester since this handicap was framed, Upham Kelly is clearly in sparkling form. Penalised only 4lb for those successes, she will never have a better chance of completing a treble.

North Lane, another who has been in good form of late, also looks the one to be on for the Gay Record Challenge Trophy while the distance of the Hythe Novices' Hurdle seems guaranteed to bring the best out of **Dunston** judged on his finishing effort at the end of two miles and five furlongs at Sandown last time.

Chance for Romulex to score

ROMULEX, placed second in three hunter chases two seasons ago, had only one outing over the stiffer fences last year (Brian Beel writes). On that occasion, he unseated champion point-to-point rider, Alison Dare, when in a challenging position three fences from home at Taunton.

The nine-year-old has won five of his six races between the flags and on that form is good enough to win the Tenterden Maiden Hunter Chase at Folkestone today.

Another Piper is likely to provide the main opposition. This one, in the opinion of many, was unlucky to be relegated from second position to last for "reckless riding" over this course last season.

Hide's new role

Former top jockey Edward Hide is returning to racing in a new role as agent for Walter Swinburn, and will be looking after his rides throughout this year's Flat season.

Swinburn's bookings have been looked after in recent years by his father, Wally, but pressure of work at his Genesis Green Stud in Newmarket has prompted the change.

David Elsworth's flying grey Desert Orchid, who gave another exhilarating display of jumping at Sandown earlier this month, is the star attraction at Wincanton today

WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Mister Donut.
2.30 Barnbrook Again.
3.00 Regal Castle.
3.30 Desert Orchid.
4.00 Coughlans Run.
4.30 Mevagissey.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 Regal Castle.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 OYSTER POND.

Going: good

2.0 CARRS PAPER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,348: 2m 5f) (16 runners)

1	312200	SOCKS DOWNE (C Cowley) J King 8-11-12	S McNeill	97	10-1
4	4-04022	THE COUNTY STONE (C) (Mrs A Taylor) Miss J Thorne 10-11-4	K Mooney	95	7-1
6	143121-	TENESONG (Miss B Tyler) B Smart 8-10-13	R Dunwoody	92	14-1
7	30340P	LUCKY REW (CD) (Mrs M Teversham) T Bulgin 12-10-12	M Bowlby (4)	89	16-1
9	11-0030	PERHAPS LUCKY (C) (Mrs V Hodges) D Elsworth 10-10-10	R Arnott	88	12-1
10	44-4314	ROYAL TO DO (D) (J Sumner) T Forster 11-10-10	H Davies	96	8-1
11	P-40201	MISTER DONUT (CD) (E Swaffield) R Hodges 9-10-10	W Irvine (7)	97	F3-1
12	22126-P	HOLEMOOR PATROL (Mrs P Blackburn) L Kennard 7-10-8	B Powell	90	14-1
14	'43-F010	A BOY NAMED SIOUX (D,BF) (S Stevens) S Stevens 7-10-5	P Croucher	94	16-1
15	41-U022	LANACRE BRIDGE (B) (A Hobbs) P Hobbs 10-10-5	Peter Hobbs	94	10-1
16	13/F2-P	LE BAMBINO (M Meade) M Meade 10-10-5	T Morgan	80	25-1
17	342122	LATIN AMERICAN (B) (J Ritchie) T Forster 10-10-2	L Harvey (4)	96	4-1
18	330042	OYSTER POND (CD) (M Clarke) M McCourt 10-10-0	M Harrington	● 99	4-1
22	002F31	BELLIVER PRINCE (D) (Cadi & Co Ltd) J Baker 7-10-0	M Williams	90	12-1
23	41202U/	LINPAC NORTH (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 12-10-0	C Gray	—	25-1
25	B0P0P3	LANCE PRIVATE (D) (T Pocock) R Pocock 9-10-0	—	73	25-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – FROST

FORM SOCKS DOWNE (11-12) last successful when beating County Player (10-7) 2½l with A BOY NAMED SIOUX (10-8) a well beaten 9th (Ludlow, 2m 4f, £1,766, good, Nov 22, 9 ran). TENESONG (11-3) on final outing of last season beat Skylander (11-7) 8l at Kempton (2m, £1,600, firm, May 6, 6 ran). ROYAL TO DO (11-8) best judged on penultimate start when beating Denston (10-0) ¾l at Towcester (2m 5l, £1,475, good to soft, Dec 13, 6 ran). MISTER DONUT (10-0) scored over this course and distance when beating THE COUNTY STONE (10-10) 4l with LUCKY REW (10-4) 27l back in 4th (£2,124, good to soft, Dec 26, 5 ran). LATIN AMERICAN (11-11) could not match winner's pace on the flat when 2l 2nd to Marine (10-0) at Lingfield (2m, £1,281, good to soft, Feb 5, 14 ran). OYSTER POND (10-0) had the 3rd 25l behind when 2l 2nd to Backstreet Guy (10-11) at Towcester (3m, £2,713, good to soft, Feb 17, 10 ran).
Selection: OYSTER POND

2.30 KINGWELL PATTERN HURDLE (Grade II: £7,892: 2m) (6 runners)

1	121212	BARNBROOK AGAIN (D,BF) (M Davies) D Elsworth 6-11-8	C Brown	● 99	F5-4
2	1-02011	PRIDEAUX BOY (CD) (C Roach) C Roach 9-11-8	M Bowlby	97	6-4
4	441222	CAPA (D) (G Keary) R Holder 7-11-2	A Webb	74	14-1
5	0F-1040	HYPNOSIS (CD) (Maj G Snell) D Elsworth 8-11-2	P Scudamore	81	12-1
6	00-0	MORNING EXCHANGE (B) (N Thomson) N Thomson 7-11-2	D Morris	—	50-1
7	141123	SAFFRON LORD (CD) (A Hunt) L Kennard 5-11-2	B Powell	93	8-1

FORM BARNBROOK AGAIN, in excellent form all season, has run in Ireland on two most recent starts: marginally the better of those efforts was (11-8) a 5l victory over Feroda (10-0) in the Ladbroke at Leopardstown (2m, £32,600, yielding, Jan 10, 22 ran). PRIDEAUX BOY is gradually recapturing best form and ran a fine race on penultimate start when (11-0) beating Mrs Muck (10-9) ½l at Sandown (2m, £7,111, good, Feb 7, 7 ran). A victory at Wolverhampton on Monday confirmed his well being. CAPA is not in this class judged on (10-7) neck 2nd to Ruststone (11-6) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £3,951, good, Dec 6, 13 ran). HYPNOSIS, a confirmed front-runner, has been disappointing recently, his best effort being (11-1) 5½l 4th to Yabis (11-7) at Kempton (2m, £3,241, soft, Dec 26, 13 ran). SAFFRON LORD continues to improve and (10-7) finished a very creditable 4½l 3rd to Neblin (10-0) at Newbury when Mrs Muck (10-10) was 2l in front in 2nd (2m, £21,054, soft, Feb 14, 21 ran).
Selection: PRIDEAUX BOY

3.0 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: 4-Y-O: £961: 2m) (21 runners)

2		ALBURUJ (P Jubert) R Akehurst 10-10	Dale McKeown (4)	—	25-1
4	30	AUTUMN FLUTTER (J Short) G Thorner 10-10	C Brown	85	6-1
5		BOLD ARCHER (M Sawers) M Fetherston-Godley 10-10	P Croucher	—	25-1
6	03	CHIEF PAL (W Norton) N Gaselee 10-10	P Scudamore	89	F3-1
8	F0	FIRE REFINED (P Bonner) P Haynes 10-10	A Webb	—	25-1
10	00	HOUNDSTOOTH (Miss C Mackay) C Trietline 10-10	J Bryan	—	25-1
13	0	NO BOLDER (Dr J Pittard) P J Jones 10-10	M Kinane	—	25-1
14		PAS DE REGRETS (M Peters) D Arbuthnot 10-10	Mr T Thomson Jones	—	16-1
15		PODSNAP (J Pearce) J Pearce 10-10	J Barlow	—	25-1
16	003F	PRIOK (W Wightman) W Wightman 10-10	M Harrington	79	20-1
18	04	REGAL CASTLE (D Bulmer) N Henderson 10-10	S Smith Eccles	● 99	7-2
23	022020	SANDRON (G Schooley) B Stevens 10-10	—	86	12-1
26	0	TAMATOUR (T Ramsden) D Ringer 10-10	G McCourt	—	7-1
28	0	WINTER HAVEN (J Davis) J Baker 10-10	M Williams	81	20-1
29	0	WONDER BEE (A Hunt) D Elsworth 10-10	R Arnott	—	20-1
31	0	CLASSIC TIMES (J Livock) D Tucker 10-5	S McNeill	—	25-1
32	P	HERMINDA (G Woolatt) M Hinchliffe 10-5	L Harvey (4)	—	33-1
33		MISSELFORE (A Else) D Gandolfo 10-5	E Waite	—	20-1
34	20	SHEER NECTAR (L Turland) G Balding 10-5	S Moore	88	4-1
35	0	SIMPLY DELICIOUS (S Newsham) D Elsworth 10-5	J H Davies	—	10-1
36	0PP0	SMITHY'S GIRL (L Nystrom) N Ayliffe 10-5	R Millman	—	33-1

FORM SANDRON (10-9) had poor-jumping AUTUMN FLUTTER (10-9) ¾l away in 3rd when a 15l runner-up to French Flutter on penultimate start at Taunton (2m 1f, £468, soft, Dec 30, 14 ran). SANDRON (10-10) was 12l behind CHIEF PAL (10-10) when that horse finished 22l 3rd to decisive winner Framlington Court (11-3) at Warwick (2m, £1,125, good to soft, Feb 10, 22 ran). PRIOK, a faller last time, previously (10-10) found little when a 20l 3rd to Tumba (10-10) at Plumpton (2m, £685, heavy, Dec 30, 8 ran). REGAL CASTLE (11-0) 16½l 4th to Flying Benny in a competitive event at Sandown (2m, £2,952, good to soft, Jan 10, 17 ran) with TAMATOUR (11-0) a distant 12th. SHEER NECTAR pulled hard on latest start over this course and distance, previously (10-6) finished 12l 2nd to Foremast (10-9) at Taunton (2m 1f, £465, soft, Dec 30, 13 ran).
Selection: REGAL CASTLE

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12)	0-0432	TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88	7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

3.30 JIM FORD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (£6,322: 3m 1f) (4 runners)

1	0-14111	DESERT ORCHID (R Burridge) D Elsworth 8-11-11	C Brown	● 99	F1-3
3	1-04443	WEST TIP (D) (P Luff) M Oliver 10-11-11	R Dunwoody	79	6-1
4	4P2232	FIRE DRILL (C) (P Norman) K Bishop 12-11-7	P Richards	51	20-1
5	F1-2243	MR MOONRAKER (C) (Mrs P Blackburn) L Kennard 10-11-7	B Powell	78	9-2

FORM DESERT ORCHID (11-10) confirmed himself one of the best 3m chasers in training when beating Stearsby (11-4) 10l at Sandown (3m, £15,686, good, Feb 7, 6 ran). Last season's Grand National winner WEST TIP (11-9) put up best performance of the season to date when 5½l 3rd to The Thinker (11-10) at Haydock (3m, £11,222, good to soft, Jan 24, 5 ran). FIRE DRILL (11-7) best effort this term when 2½l 3rd to Fearless Imp (11-1) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £2,817, good to soft, Feb 9, 9 ran). MR MOONRAKER (11-4) did not fence fluently but was not disgraced when 1½l 3rd to Golden Friend (11-4) at Newbury (3m, £5,117, soft, Feb 14, 6 ran).
Selection: DESERT ORCHID

4.0 GEORGIE NEWALL NOVICE CHASE (£1,781: 2m) (16 runners)

1	12UF34	AIRWAIR (B) (Mrs M Langley-Pope) R Hodges 8-11-10	B Powell	93	12-1
2	033001	CRADLE OF JAZZ (K Brittan) J Old 7-11-10	G Bradley	94	6-1
3	33104-1	LECTOR (J Joseph) D Elsworth 6-11-10	C Brown	86	4-1
8	43-1221	COUGHLANS RUN (D) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 8-11-4	H Davies	—	F6-4
11	PP004F	DUNCLIFFE DANCER (N Thomson) N Thomson 8-11-4	D Morris (7)	—	25-1
13		FIRST BRIEF (S Loughridge) R Hollis 7-11-4	—	—	33-1
14	40-0000	FRAUD SQUAD (R Williams) R Hodges 8-11-4	W Irvine (7)	—	25-1
15	0-00000	GARA ROCK (L Richards) D Barons 6-11-4	P Nicholls	—	25-1
17	0/040-00	GILES CROSS (Dr D Chesney) D Chesney 8-11-4	Dr D Chesney	—	33-1
22	23PP20	LIFE GUARD (J Joseph) D Elsworth 6-11-4	P Scudamore	● 99	5-1
23	0/0-0	MASTER PARDY (Mrs E Scott) Mrs E Scott 8-11-4	B Pusey	—	33-1
25	320P-P0	MR KEY (Mrs E McManus) D Murray Smith 6-11-4	P Croucher	—	20-1
26	4142/0F	MR SEAGULL (BF) (H Handel) H Handel 9-11-4	Miss K Handel	—	8-1
30	010-400	TIMSAH (P Hedger) P Hedger 7-11-4	NON-RUNNER	—	—
32	0FP4B-0	WYEMOUTH BAY (W Coombe) M Coombe 6-11-4	Mr T Mitchell (7)	—	25-1
36	031220	RAZZLE DAZZLE BOY (W Williams) W Williams 5-10-9	C Gray	—	16-1

FORM CRADLE OF JAZZ (11-2) took it up at the last when beating April Prince ¾l with AIRWAIR (11-6) in 3rd when a last fence casualty (Windsor, 2m, £1,920, good to soft, Feb 4, 18 ran). AIRWAIR (11-6) back to best on latest start when 15l 4th to Panto Prince (11-6) at Chepstow (2m, £2,720, soft, Feb 21, 12 ran) with WEYMOUTH BAY (11-2) a well beaten 9th. LECTOR (10-7) not seen out since reappearance when beating Butlers Pet (10-10) 1l at Devon and Exeter (2m 1f, £1,157, good to firm, Aug 7, 10 ran). COUGHLANS RUN (11-1) beat Candy Su (11-10) 2l at Fairyhouse (2m 2f, £4,440, good to soft, Dec 6, 12 ran). LIFE GUARD (11-3) last seen over fences when 3½l 3rd to Butlers Pet (11-8) at Kempton (2m, £2,313, good, Oct 18, 6 ran). On penultimate start RAZZLE DAZZLE BOY (10-10) not disgraced when 8l 2nd to Scatterbuck (11-1) in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f, £612, good to firm, Oct 23, 13 ran).
Selection: LECTOR

4.30 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: 4-Y-O: £932: 2m) (21 runners)

2	00220	ARABIAN BLUES (W Bradley) B Stevens 10-10	S Moore	● 99	F4-1
6	0	BIG DECISION (F Sole) S Mellor 10-10	M Harrington	—	20-1
7	0	BLAIRINGONE (J Livock) D Tucker 10-10	S McNeill	—	20-1
8	P04	BRONZE OPAL (E Weinstein) G Balding 10-10	Mr G Oxley (7)	82	14-1
9		DARK HERITAGE (J Guest) D Murray Smith 10-10	P Croucher	—	12-1
10	0	DAWN PRINCE (Unity Farm Holiday Ltd) P Hobbs 10-10	Peter Hobbs	89	8-1
11	0	GOOD LORD (H Bristol) G Balding 10-10	R Linley	—	16-1
12		INDIAN ORATOR (C Sutton) R Akehurst 10-10	Dale McKeown (4)	—	16-1
14		MAN IN THE MOON (Mrs M Enright) G Enright 10-10	E Murphy	—	33-1
15	0	MEVAGISSEY (Mrs R Thompson) N Henderson 10-10	S Smith Eccles	—	6-1
19	003	OUT YONDER (B) (W Wightman) W Wightman 10-10	R Strange	88	8-1
21		REDALLY (D Pengelly) F Hollis 10-10	C Gray	—	33-1
23	3300	ROUBAYD (S Cohn) P Haynes 10-10	A Webb	95	10-1
24	3	ROYAL BATTERY (R Cottle) D Barons 10-10	P Nicholls	83	10-1
26	0	SUPERCOOMBE (E Jameson) S Christian 10-10	S Earle (4)	—	16-1
27	4402	THE LEGGETT (Mrs G Malone) L Kennard 10-10	B Powell	89	8-1
32	320	COME ON LUCKY (B) (M Willey) M Pipe 10-5	J Lower (4)	94	8-1
35	0	LITTLE TOKEN (Mrs D Gleeson) J Pearce 10-5	R Dunwoody	—	25-1
37	00	SEASKILL (Mrs A Holly) D Holly 10-5	—	—	33-1
38	0	SKEVENA (W Mullins) D Elsworth 10-5	C Brown	—	16-1
40		TRAVEL MYSTERY (Mrs M Madden) M Pipe 10-5	P Scudamore	—	5-1

FORM ARABIAN BLUES 7th to Past Glories at Newbury recently; previously (10-10) 1½l 2nd to Winning Dancer at Folkestone (2m 110yd, £685, heavy, Jan 6, 12 ran). BRONZE OPAL stepped up on previous efforts when (10-12) 9l 3rd to Devil's Run at Wolverhampton (2m, £584, good, Dec 27, 17 ran). ROUBAYD (11-4) had GOOD LORD (11-4), MEVAGISSEY (11-4), and SKEVENA (10-13) all behind when 7th to Prairie Oyster (11-4) at Newbury last time (2m 100y, £2,345, soft, Feb 14, 21 ran) but was seen to better effect when (10-9) finishing close up to Pragada (10-9) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £750, good to soft, Dec 29, 15 ran) with OUT YONDER (10-9) a well-beaten 7th. ROYAL BATTERY (10-7), short of peak fitness, ran good 5½l 3rd to Olympic Eagle on debut at Taunton (2m 1f, £575, good to soft, Dec 4, 12 ran). COME ON LUCKY below form since (10-9) 12l 2nd to Celtic Chief (11-0) at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, £821, soft, Nov 25, 15 ran). THE LEGGETT (10-10) finished 2½l 2nd to Devil's Run (11-3) over course and distance (£1,105, good to soft, Feb 12, 21 ran) with OUT YONDER (10-10) ½l back in 3rd and SUPERCOOMBE (10-10) well behind.
Selection: ROUBAYD

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
D Elsworth	17	96	17.7	K Mooney	14	89	15.7
T Bulgin	5	34	14.7	Smith Eccles	9	60	15.0
D Barons	6	46	13.0	H Davies	18	144	12.5
L Kennard	19	149	12.8	R Linley	11	91	12.1
D Gandolfo	8	65	12.3	P Scudamore	15	126	11.9
N Gaselee	6	49	12.2	G McCourt	5	42	11.9

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Kariwak.
2.15 Evening Song.
2.45 UPHAM KELLY (nap).
3.15 North Lane.
3.45 Another Piper.
4.15 Dunston.

By Michael Seely
3.15 NORTH LANE (nap). 4.15 Dunston.

Going: soft

1.45 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,394: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1	11	CANTASSIUM (Larkhall Laboratories Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-10	W O'Callaghan (7)	97	F5-4
2	0-	BIETSCHHORN HUT (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 5-11-0	T Woolley (7)	—	20-1
3		BISHOPRIC (C Bravery) C Bravery 5-11-0	—	—	33-1
6		CREGNEASH (A Neaves) A Neaves 6-11-0	C Warren (4)	—	33-1
7	0/04-00	DUKE OF ARUN (B Seal) Mrs L Clay 6-11-0	J Lovejoy	64	25-1
8	030-330	KARIWAK (A Moralee) D Elsworth 6-11-0	M Dwyer	● 99	3-1
10		MOORE'S DILEMMA (C Williams) C Willett 5-11-0	Mr J Paxton	—	33-1
11	20020	NORTHERN GAMBLER (T Hemmings) S Mellor 5-11-0	G Landau (4)	88	10-1
13	P0/	SOVEREIGN SINGER (W Mann) I Cox 6-11-0	—	—	25-1
15		TOO HOT TA TROT (J Willett) C Willett 5-11-0	Mr C Willett	—	33-1
16	0	DONAMOR LASS (P Devoy) B Stevens 5-10-9	—	—	33-1
17	00-0332	HELUVA SEASON (Mrs S Stratton) R Frost 5-10-9	J Frost	89	6-1
18	002/023-	SILVER KEYS (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-10-9	M Perrett	89	9-2
19	0U	TRAVISGLEN STAR (I Bailey) P Bowden 6-10-9	R Dennis	—	33-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – SNOW

2.15 TATTERSALLS NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: mares: £1,560) (14 runners)

1	0-10003	EVENING SONG (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 8-11-1	Mr P Townsley	● 99	F5-4
2	0F1-400	ABOVE PAR (Mrs M Peel) N Gaselee 6-10-10	A Adams (7)	—	3-1
3	FPPPP-P	CLAIR SOLEIL (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 7-10-10	—	—	50-1
4	00-PF00	FIDELIGHT (Mrs D Bravery) C Bravery 9-10-10	—	—	33-1
5	000/	FRAU KITZ (Mrs L Clay) Mrs L Clay 7-10-10	J Lovejoy	—	25-1
6	000-400	GIOLLA UP (E O'Sullivan) D Gandolfo 8-10-10	M Dwyer	—	9-2
7	PPFFF	GLENBANE LADY (B) (C Squance) R Parker 8-10-10	R Goldstein	—	50-1
8	024-2P4	GOOSE GREEN (Mrs L Sheedy) W R Williams 7-10-10	M Muggeridge (7)	—	6-1
9	000-BPF	LLOYDS DARK LADY (Mrs P Ward-Jones) D Grissell 8-10-10	C Warren (4)	—	50-1
10	2F-4200	LUCKY GOLD (P Tapim) Miss L Bower 10-10-10	R Rowell	88	10-1
11	24023P/	ROSA RULER (R Berry) I Wardle 9-10-10	K Townsend (7)	—	20-1
12	040P-PP	RUSHOISE (B) (B Dukes) P Dukes 7-10-10	Mr T Mitchell (7)	—	33-1
14	0UFF0F	SWAG JACKET (B) (B Edgeley) Miss L Bower 9-10-10	M Hoad (7)	75	33-1
15	200021/	TACOVA (R Frost) R Frost 9-10-10	J Frost	—	16-1

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
J Gifford	19	81	23.5	R Rowe	16	72	22.2
R Armytage	4	17	23.5	R Rowell	8	65	12.3
Miss L Bower	6	33	18.2	R Goldstein	5	73	6.8
P Haynes	5	34	14.7				

Only qualifiers Only qualifiers

2.45 RACING POST HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,903: 2m 6f) (19 runners)

3	1033-00	NORTH WEST (C) (F Hill) A Moore 12-11-7	Candy Moore (4)	86	16-1
4	001P3D	WRITE THE MUSIC (V,C,BF) (J Abell) P Felgate 6-11-7	Mrs J Saunders	90	10-1
5	0302/0U	CUT'N DRY (Orthopaedic Bedding Service) P Bowden 7-11-6	R Dennis	—	16-1
6	3-11000	CRISP (B,D) (J Bodie) C Read 6-11-4	R Rowe	91	10-1
7	000-400	IRISH HARVEST (A Walton) R Hoad 6-11-1	M Hoad (7)	—	16-1
8	000000	AMERICAN GIRL (M Reeve) H O'Neill 8-10-13	R Chapman (4)	91	16-1
9	0-23011	UPHAM KELLY (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 8-10-13 (4ex)	M Dwyer	● 99	F7-4
10	20P01F/	ROYALTY MISS (CD) (A Neaves) A Neaves 8-10-11	C Warren (4)	—	20-1
11	P-40P40	AIRBORNE DEAL (K Higson) A Moore 8-10-11	G Moore	93	8-1
12	3110-00	DOWEGIAN (R Garner) M Bolton 8-10-11	R Goldstein	94	10-1
13	030000	THE ENID (G Groves) S Dow 7-10-7	M Bastard	92	16-1
14	F-BF002	ANNA'S MITE (J Blakeney) R Blakeney 8-10-7	Judy Blakeney (7)	88	8-1
15	00P-000	WAR AND PEACE (S Mills) D Mills 8-10-6	R Rowell	86	20-1
16	403-000	ZIPARIB (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 9-10-6	M Kinane	87	16-1
17	40000U/	MARTIAL COMMANDER (C Read) C Read 7-10-4	M Perrett	—	25-1
19	0P3400	JUBILEE LIGHTS (B Gordon) P Pritchard 10-10-1	D Chinn	93	8-1
20	100-P00	ALCAZABA (A Patel) J Davies 5-10-0	G Heaver (7)	86	20-1
21	14400P	LITTLE KATRINA (W Kemp) W Kemp 6-10-0	S Shilston	85	20-1
22	003000	SIRUNDY (M Groombridge) R Curtis 6-10-0	K Traylor (7)	85	20-1

3.15 GAY RECORD CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,173: 3m 2f) (9 runners)

1	0400-00	BRIGHT DREAM (J Holmes) J Gifford 11-11-11	R Rowe	90	8-1
4	UU1121	NORTH LANE (G C Bagrove Ltd) M Pipe 10-11-6 (6ex)	M Perrett	95	F6-4
7	11/01F-P	PRIDE O'FIFE (B,D) (J H Amusements Ltd) Mrs L Clay 9-10-2	J Lovejoy	98	8-1
8	1-PP3P4	DARGAI (CD) (Maj J Urquhart) R Armytage 11-10-2	Mr M Armytage (4)	95	12-1
9	4F00-4P	GALA PRINCE (Mrs M Aston) A Jarvis 10-10-1	T Jarvis	91	16-1
11	112322	DEBT FOLLOWER (F Starr) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-0	B de Haan	● 99	5-2
14	0-4032F	COLONEL CHRISTY (D) (R Keen) H O'Neill 12-10-0	R Chapman (4)	94	12-1
15	FF0330	BOYNE SALMON (T Duke) Miss L Bower 7-10-0	R Rowell	87	16-1
17	PP/PF3P	VALMAI (R Ledger) R Ledger 8-10-0	Mrs N Ledger	83	25-1

3.45 TENTERDEN MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £630: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1	20-	ANOTHER PIPER (D Cornelius) D Cornelius 10-11-9	Miss M Cornelius (7)	96	5-2
2		BOLD FISHER (G King) G King 8-11-9	D Castillon (7)	—	12-1
3		BROOKSIDE KING (H Hudsby) H Hudsby 7-11-9	L Lay (7)	—	12-1
5	2PP0-04	FLYING JACKDAW (J Sclater) J Sclater 11-11-9	M Felton (7)	96	5-1
6	003U/00-	FORT NELSON (G Evans) G Evans 9-11-9	G Evans (7)	—	14-1
7	0P/	GAY WILLIAM (Mrs T Palmer) T Palmer 9-11-9	Miss P Palmer (7)	—	16-1
8	P3/3920-	GENERAL RULE (O Vaughan-Jones) O V-Jones 10-11-9	O Vaughan-Jones (7)	80	8-1
9	P000/FF-	LORD SOLENT (Mrs P Tetley) Mrs P Tetley 8-11-9	D Baker (7)	—	16-1
10	40300/0-	MENWENICK (J Fisher) J Fisher 12-11-9	J Fisher (7)	—	20-1
11	00-FU30	NOT INTENDED (T Flowers) T Flowers 9-11-9	P Hacking (7)	—	8-1
12	00FP/4P-	OWEN SHERRY (Capt W Bulwer-Long) W Bulwer-Long 10-11-9	W Wales (7)	91	10-1
14	42F23/0-	ROMULEX (Mrs J Bambridge) Mrs J Bambridge 9-11-9	Miss A Dare (7)	● 99	F7-4
15	040/F4P-	RUNWICK PROSPECT (Mrs V Belcher) Mrs V Belcher 11-11-9	Miss S Belcher (7)	—	20-1
17	0/00P00-	AVOPROUD (C Gately) R Parker 7-11-4	P Townsley (7)	—	14-1
19	P	JUBILATOR (Mrs T Arthur) Mrs T Arthur 10-11-4	Miss J Arthur (7)	—	20-1
22		SANDY ME (D Curtis) D Curtis 10-11-4	T Grantham (4)	—	16-1

4.15 HYTHE NOVICE HURDLE (£1,002: 2m 6f) (18 runners)

3	U0-1040	SUPER ENERGY (Mrs M Slade) J Gifford 6-11-7	R Rowe	79	10-1
5	FP0/130	COLONIAL CHARM (M Clohessy) O Sherwood 7-11-2	C Cox	● 99	3-1
8	00	CHEKOV (S Tindall) S Mellor 5-11-0	G Landau (4)	75	14-1
9	F04	COPGROVE (Mrs F Bowden) P Bowden 5-11-0	G Morgan (7)	—	16-1
15	00	JOIST (B) (C Barnes) M Pipe 5-11-0	M Perrett	74	16-1
16	20	KILIMANJARO BOB (B,BF) (M Pipe) M Pipe 5-11-0	NON-RUNNER	—	—
17	40-4442	KING NIMROD (D Graham) N Gaselee 5-11-0	Mr P McEwan (7)	95	9-2
18	300	KING'S ADVOCATE (R Norton) A Jarvis 5-11-0	T Jarvis	85	14-1
19	00/0	LE KINGDOM (Mrs S Berks) M Wilkinson 6-11-0	B de Haan	—	33-1
20	0	LITTLE BOY (S Devlin) J Bennett 7-11-0	S Shilston	—	33-1
23	1220-0	OUTSIDE EDGE (B Kilpatrick) D Murray Smith 6-11-0	NON-RUNNER	—	—
24	3-02	POP DANCER (Mrs L Ward) W G M Turner 5-11-0	C Warren (4)	93	8-1
29	03	TENNFORES (Mrs E Vestey) N Henderson 6-11-0	NON-RUNNER	—	—
30	0-04	THE NIGELSTAN (Rumon Services Ltd) P Haynes 6-11-0	NON-RUNNER	—	—
35		DON'T RING ME (C Barnes) M Pipe 5-10-9	J Frost	—	25-1
36		FOUR SHADOW (Mrs I Evans) R Curtis 5-10-9	K Traylor (7)	—	33-1
40	00	TOUCH OF LUCK (R Packer) Mrs A Knight 5-10-9	George Knight	—	33-1
43	2042	DUNSTON (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-10-5	A Carroll	98	F5-4

General Joy pays handsome tribute to Brittany Boy

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Dr Tony O'Reilly, the man behind the £Ir250,000 Heinz "57" Phoenix Stakes, the richest two-year-old race in Europe, yesterday achieved his most important success to date as a National Hunt owner when his seven-year-old General Joy carried off the Ulster Harp Lager National at Downpatrick.

Run over 3½ miles, with Lady Learlane cutting out a strong pace, this developed into a gruelling test of stamina. Three fences from home, the favourite Captain Batnac took the lead with General Joy a steadily improving third. General Joy had have too much finishing speed for the favourite and, taking command coming to the final fence, he went away to win by eight lengths.

General Joy drew attention to the Cheltenham prospects of Brittany Boy, a Sun Alliance hope, who had beaten him by more than 10 lengths last time out.

Paddy Mullins' hopes of a Cheltenham treble with his novice hurdlers were much dampened by events at Thurles where both Grabel and Cloughtaney were beaten, short-priced favourites. Grabel went down by a five-length margin to Irish Dream and that would appear to rule her out as a serious contender for the Triumph Hurdle.

Cloughtaney attempted to make all the running in the Purcell Exports Hurdle but was done with early in the straight, finishing only sixth to Orwell Times, trained by Enda Bolger in this his first season as a trainer.

Half-an-hour later, Enda Bolger was the partner of No Other Way who defeated last year's winner Attitude Adjuster in the Carlingford Castle Hunters' Chase. Attitude Adjuster must, however, still be kept in the reckoning for the Foxhunter's Chase at Cheltenham, a race he won last year. Yesterday, not only was he trying to give 9lb to the winner but he did not wear blinkers which appear to be so essential.

Enda Bolger ranks as one of Ireland's youngest trainers, but veteran Cork trainer Jimmy Murphy had a success with Man of Leisure who, at odds of 20-1, made nonsense of the form book with a front-running six-length win over Royal Bond in the P Z Mower Chase.

Shelbourne, who had given Jonjo O'Neill his first win as a trainer, disappointed behind Orwell Times and now stays in Ireland with Tommy Stack.

Ten Plus to miss Festival

By George Rae

Fulke Walwyn's highly-regarded novice Ten Plus, who [illegible] his front knees when doing roadwork last month, is among the Cheltenham Gold Cup acceptors but will almost certainly miss his Festival engagements. He is, however, reported to be recovering well.

There were no surprise withdrawals from either the Cheltenham Gold Cup or the Champion Hurdle yesterday but with the Festival only three weeks away the Gold Cup continues to pose more questions than it answers.

Run And Skip, the current third favourite behind Forgive'N Forget and Stearsby, has yet to race this season and it is looking increasingly likely that he may have to go to Cheltenham without a run. He misses his closest engagement, at Kempton on Saturday, and will have no more opportunities until tomorrow week at the earliest.

Galway Blaze is not certain to be ready in time while Door Latch is struggling to regain full fitness. Both are prominent in several bookmakers' Gold Cup betting.

See You Then, and his progress towards race fitness, continues to be the talking point of the Champion Hurdle but there is an interesting entry in the Josh Gifford's five-year-old, Comandante, who has run only twice over hurdles.

His participation will depend largely on his running in a novices' event at Kempton on Saturday.

TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade I: 3m 2f): Barrow Line, Bolands Cross, Burrough Hill Lad, By The Way, Charter Party, Combs Ditch, Covent Garden, Cybrandian, Door Latch, Earls Brig, Forgive'N Forget, Galway Blaze, Gambridge Jupiter, Golden Friend, Mr Moonraker, Omerta, Oregon Trail, Queensway Boy, Run And Skip, Stearsby, Ten Plus, The Thinker, Very Promising, Wayward Lad and West Tip. (To be run Thursday March 19).

WATERFORD CRYSTAL CHAMPION HURDLE (Grade I: 2m): Aonoch, Barnbrook Again, Bonalma, Brunico, Cima, Comandante, Corporal Clinger, Deep Idol, Flatterer, Gaye Brief, Herbert United, High Knowl, Humberside Lady, I Bin Zaidoon, Jamesmead, Jimsintime, Manpower, Mister Point, Mr Kewmill, Mrs Muck, Nohalmdun, Prideaux Boy, Ra Nova, River Ceiriog, Robin Wonder, Ruststone, Sabin Du Loir, Saffron Lord, See You Then, Southernair, Stepaside Lord, Tangognat and The Illiad. (To be run Tuesday March 17).

QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (Grade I: 2m): Badsworth Boy, Blackdeet, Bobsline, Bruges, CAptain Dawn, Charcoal Wally, Desert Orchid, Dundalk Bells, Far Bridge, French Union, Kyoto, Left Bank, Little Bay, Milesian Dancer, Oregon Trail, Our Fun, Paddyboro, Pearlyman, Townley Stone, Very Promising and W Six Times. (To be run Wednesday March 18).

Linfast's blunder leaves door open for Kescast

Kescast was a well-backed winning favourite of the Sky Blue Executive Club Handicap Hurdle at Warwick yesterday, but John Mason's bay, who provided Martin Pipe with his 58th training success of the season, was a fortunate winner.

Leading jockey Peter Scudamore steadily established a clear lead on Kescast, but an advantage of ten lengths had been whittled down by Linfast going to the penultimate flight. Linfast appeared to have taken the measure of Scudamore's mount at the last before he pitched on landing, nearly putting Steve Knight out of the saddle.

Kescast went on to beat his rival three lengths, with Star's Delight filling third place.

Pipe is on holiday in Barbados and will be back to take over the reins at his Wellington stable next Monday.

There was an upset in the Town of Warwick Foxhunters Trophy Chase when Fleeting Passion, well beaten behind Sunylyn on the course 15 days ago, floored the odds-on Desert Fox by two lengths.

Fleeting Passion is a probable for the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham.

Grant in form

Catterick's leading jockey Chris Grant, who partners Young Driver in the Grand National, rode a near 25-1 double for Bishop Auckland trainer Denys Smith with Perfect Glen (8-1) and Masnoon (15-8) at the northern course yesterday.

Perfect Glen battled to a threequarter-length victory over Abersing in the Greta Bridge Handicap Chase.

Warwick results

Going: good

2.0 (3m 4f 180yd ch) 1, FLEETING PASSION (Mr J Wrathall, 8-1); 2, Desert Fox (Mr R Russell, 4-11 fav); 3, Astral Spirit (Mr T Smith, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Wood By Wood (pu), 10 Just A Jiffy (ur), 50 Bardini (4th), Bronze Warrior (pu), Atlanta Lady (5th). 8 ran. NR: Spartan Rambler. 2l, 20l, dist, 1½l. R Waley Cohen at Banbury. Tote: £6.60; £2.00, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £8.56.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, KESCAST (P Scudamore, 5-2 fav); 2, Linfast (Steve Knight, 11-1); 3, Star's Delight (G McCourt, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Oppidan (pu), 13-2 Spanish Reel (6th), 8 Star Of Ireland, 10 Profound (4th), 20 Cona Glen (5th), 33 Red Duster, Timurs Double, 66 Joli Wasfi. 11 ran. 3l, 2½l, 4l, 1l, 8l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £4.20, £1.60. DF: £25.80. CSF: £28.23. Tricast: £89.82.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, CLARA MOUNTAIN (H Davies, 11-10 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Atataho (C Brown, 17-2); 3, Centre Attraction (P Tuck, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Numerate (6th), 7 Broad Beam (5th), 12 Contradeal (4th). 6 ran. 2l, 1½l, 2½l, 15l, 20l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £2.40. DF: £7.00. CSF: £9.92.

3.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, WILD FLYER (B Dowling, 20-1); 2, Loddon Lad (R Dunwoody, 8-1); 3, Tennfores (S Smith Eccles, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Cone Alone, 4 Midnight Train (f), 11-2 Soldasarock (5th), 10 French Flutter, 16 Ruby Flight, 20 Foche, Pithy, 25 Little And Royal, Outside Edge (6th), 33 First Attempt (ref), Golden Mount, 50 Ana Wassiaawi (ref), Buskina, Just Smokey, Rausal, Scots Lad (pu), Seal Prince, Shanipour (pu), Van Dyke Brown (pu), Ballyfee (pu), Miss Cannibal (4th). 24 ran. 3l, 8l, 4l, sh hd, 1½l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £18.20; £4.80, £2.40, £4.60. DF: £30.40. CSF: £173.12.

4.0 (2m ch) 1, PEGWELL BAY (H Davies, 4-1); 2, Rosa Fandango (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 3, Pastkschuizon (M Bowlby, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Ramadi Dawn (4th), 6 Nodalotta, 16 Tribal Drum, Wood Poppy (ur), 25 Billov, 33 Timsah, 50 Basil Thyme, Boardmans Style (pu), Michael House, Polish, Salford Value, Madam Shakira (5th), Mrs Foley (6th), Young Jill. 17 ran. 4l, 8l, 6l, 1½l, 8l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £5.70; £1.70, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £6.50. CSF: £17.93.

4.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, PEARL RUN (Mr M Price, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Private Views (P Scudamore, 11-2); 3, Suez (L Harvey, 7-1); 4, Sunshine Gal (R Dennis, 33-1). Also: 9-2 jt-fav Lord Murphy, 10 Lucietea, Sea Pennant, 14 Celtic Time, Infinity Rules, 16 Knight's Heir, 20 Shoutitout (6th), 25 Dame Flora (5th), Dancing Sovereign, 33 Catherine Bridge, Mollington, Tropical Mist, Wearmouth (pu), 50 Jungle Jim, 100 Golden Norman, Straw Fox (pu), Bit Of Space, Indado. 22 ran. NR: Ayres Rock. 1l, 4l, 10l, 4l, 3l. G Price at Leominster. Tote: £4.90; £1.40, £1.90, £2.20, £11.10. DF: £12.80. CSF: £28.91. Tricast: £165.22.
Placepot: £42.55

Catterick

Going: good to firm

1.45 (2m ch) 1, PERFECT GLEN (C Grant, 8-1); 2, Abersing (M Brennan, 8-1); 3, Impany (G Bradley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Noon Gun (f), 5-2 Price Of Peace (5th), 10 Veiled City (6th), 11 Cool Decision (4th), 25 King Of Tyre. 8 ran. NR: Penny's Dream. ¾l, 1½l, 4l, 6l, 15l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £6.10; £1.30, £2.60, £2.50. DF: £30.80. CSF: £61.45. Tricast: £424.65. Bought in for 2,700 gns.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, COLONEL POPSKI (R Fahey, 10-1); 2, Velindre (D Gallagher, 8-1); 3, Meza Kid (Dale McKeown, 4-1 fav); 4, Draw The Line (C Richmond, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Pauls Secret, 13-2 Tudor Squire, 7 Mr Gardiner, 10 Taristeac (pu), 12 Always Native, Baytown Coke, 16 Bugatti, Sage Hawk, 20 Bute Bouquet (pu), Our Pretender (5th), Tasty Guy, 25 Hobournes Girl, 33 Polar Ice (6th), Concrete Cabin, Barnalyra, Job Shop, Hot Potato, Dream Once More, Johnny Frenchman. 23 ran. ½l, 1l, 2l, 5l, 2½l. J Mackie at Church Broughton. Tote: £22.70; £4.10, £3.20, £1.90, £7.90. DF (winner or second with any other): £5.20. CSF: £97.95. Tricast: £369.59.

2.45 (3m 300yd ch) 1, PURPLE BEAM (B Storey, 8-1); 2, Easter Brig (J Hanson, 2-1 fav); 3, Strewbill (K Doolan, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Mighty Run (4th), 11-2 La Boeuf (pu), 6 Melerek (ur). 6 ran. NR: The Last Prince, Randomly, Caherty. Nk, 15l, 20l. T Barnes at Penrith. Tote: £13.10; £3.00, £1.90. DF: £7.80. CSF: £23.21. After stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, MASNOON (C Grant, 15-8 fav); 2, Treyarnon (D Nolan, 7-1); 3, Lingham Bride (Mr J Osborne, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Unex-Plained (dd-ht 6th), 6 Sir Jest, 14 Newton Springs, Spartan Flashback (4th), 16 Johnstan Boy, 20 The Fink Sisters (dd-ht 6th), Deniece, 25 Grey Card (5th), 50 Graceful Hannah (pu), 100 Alphabetical Order, Golden Flutter (pu), Top O'the Cream (f), Don't Be Silly (pu). 16 ran. NR: Snowfire Chap. 8l, 8l, 10l, 6l, 1½l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £2.30, £3.90. DF: £7.40. CSF: £16.86.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, SAGAX (D Wilkinson, 5-2); 2, Mossberry Fair (R Fahey, 20-1); 3, Angel Dust (A Stringer, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Hinckley Lane (5th), 9 Deputy Monarch, 14 Shermago, 16 Trial Period, 20 Katy Quick (6th), 25 Lucky Fellow, Trikkala Star, 33 Next Dance (4th), 50 Ascenrullah, David Wood, Grand Queen, Miss Lakeland (pu). 15 ran. NR: Matchlessly. 3l, 1l, 2½l, 1½l, 7l. Miss S Hall at Leyburn. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £3.50, £1.30. DF: £100.70. CSF £55.80.

4.15 (2m ch) 1, WORTHY KNIGHT (B Storey, 7-4 fav); 2, Ida's Delight (P Dennis, 9-2); 3, Earth Works (M Hammond, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Silver Cannon (f), 11 Lambwath Hall, 14 Moonlighting (5th), Wise Cracker (4th), 16 The Cider And Bun, 33 Dantes Tree (6th), Dr Cornelius (ur), Falklands Folly (pu), Goldroy, Good Going Girl, Decembra, Just Dennis (pu), Master Attorney. 16 ran. 1l, 2l, 12l, 8l, 1l. B McClean at Morpeth. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £9.50. CSF: £10.05.

4.45 (2m flat) 1, ORATORIO (Mr M Armytage, Evens fav); 2, Powys Prince (S Harris, 10-1); 3, Donimay (Mr E Freeman, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Cheeky King, 7 [illegible], Roman Moore (4th), 12 Havrin Princess, 14 Ragroyal, 16 Drink-O-Pop, Drummore Magic, 20 Arctic Rymes (5th), Indian Lord, Pace Of Oak, Threesix Lad, Uncles Choice, Willow Wood, 25 Lingham Charm, Meteor Express, Miss Giggles, 33 Greysby (6th), Capatica, Deep Desire, Paper Sacks. 22 ran. 3l, 10l, hd, 6l, hd. C Thornton at Middleham. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £3.70, £9.10. DF: £26.50. CSF: £17.72. NR: Tiktama. Placepot: £51.70.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Sandeman Aintree Hurdle. Liverpool: Golden Fox. All engagements (dead): Daunting, Waren Ford, Falkland Hero, Branding Iron, Bulgaden, Comb Lad, Le Canelon.

Britain should take note of the Australian success story

David Miller

Canberra

Sporting decorations for administrators' good service do not usually make news. This one is different.

Beneath a huge fir tree in the garden of The Lodge, the Prime Minister's official private residence, an Olympic Order was awarded yesterday by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, to John Brown, Australia's Minister of Sport. Brown has demonstrated in only four years *just what* can be achieved by a Government which cares about sport and which appoints a minister who has initiative and gives him some scope.

The Australian experience is a jolt of an example for Britain, where no government, of whatever party, views seriously the role of sport, and the necessity of its adequate funding, as a major part of the nation's social framework. It *would appear to have taken* Downing Street a while even to recognize that England recently won the Ashes.

By contrast, Australia's victories in the 1986 hockey World Cup and the eights and lightweight men's single sculls at the world rowing championships can be directly attributed to Government initiative. And that should be *only the start.*

The trend was begun by Bob Ellicott, the Sports Minister in *Malcolm Fraser's Liberal* government back in 1980, who created the Institute of Sport here in the capital. With a staff of 120 including 40 coaches, 25 specialists in sports medicine and three sports psychologists, the Australian foundation is now a rival to the two other foremost institutes, at Colorado and Leipzig. It has a facility investment of £50 million and an annual budget of £7 million.

The national coaching council is centered at the institute, *and Reinhold Batschi, director* of coaching for rowing, says: "What we have here is ideal. *There is every facility, and this* undoubtedly made the difference between our bronze medals for eights at the world championships in 1983 and at Los Angeles, and our gold medal in Nottingham last year".

When Brown became minister in Bob Hawke's Labour government in 1983, he *set* about, with *Hawke's* enthusiastic support, creating three additional and valuable pieces of legislature. A Sports Commission similar to but smaller than the British Sports Council, was established for dispensing the Government's £15 million annual grant — which together with the £7 million for the *institute comes to two-thirds of* the British budget for only a quarter of the population. The commission is administered by a board and the institute by an executive director.

Secondly, against stiff opposition but with Hawke's help, Brown got through parliament a tax concession of 100 per cent on donations by commercial sponsors to individual sports. Thirdly, in a 'protection of the Olympic insignia' Bill passed this week, the Government has given exclusive domestic rights to the Australian Olympic Federation for use of the Olympic rings: a legal protection for their contract with ISL in the global marketing scheme.

Hawke, like Brown, recognizes the implicit value of sport to the nation's moral. It is no use the British complaining about muted Sports Ministers when they receive *no* power from above.

Music to ears of councillors

Such was the impact worldwide, and especially in South-East Asia, of the £2.5 million campaign by Sallyanne Atkinson, Brisbane's effervescent mayoress, to bring the Olympic Games to Queensland, that Sydney is now expected to vie with Brisbane in bidding for 1996.

"Money could not have bought the exposure we had", Sallyanne says, immune to any criticism that Brisbane gained only 10 votes, two more than Birmingham. Her words will no doubt be soothing music for the ears of councillors in Birmingham, or in Manchester where they are busy consid*ering their next bid. She will* wait, diplomatically, until next year's mayoral election before announcing another attempt, though she is in fact at present the only candidate.

Sydney has already built a huge new indoor sports hall and is starting work on an Olympic pool. Though Sydney is the more international city, this may well count against it with the Australian Olympic Federation, who unofficially regard Brisbane as being more compact and way ahead in the *stakes in any domestic race.*

One black mark against the Australians seems to be a lingering chauvinism when it comes to recognizing women's contribution (leaving aside Mrs Atkinson's irresistable personality). Michelle Ford, *who won gold* and bronze swimming medals in 1980 and is a member of the IOC *Athletes* Commission, is encountering such a lack of enthusiasm for her willingness to put something back into Australian sport that she is considering leaving Sydney, at the veteran age of 24, to go to Europe to learn French.

Nobody, I gather, wishes to take advantage of her position with the IOC or as a former *gold* medalist, and she is kicking her heels. It is, she feels, an illustration of the Australian antipathy towards women, towards women who do well, and towards women who go overseas to do well. She spent six years in the *United States,* and was controversially excluded from the Los Angeles team even when swimming close to world record schedule.

SWIMMING

Sponsor may provide a solution for Hardcastle

By Roy Moor

Minet Holdings, who are sponsoring the Minet Awards for Olympic Excellence scheme to the extent of £1.5 million, may come to the aid of double Olympic medallist Sarah Hardcastle who has hinted at retirement because she *is ineligible* for DHSS unemployment benefit while engaged in full-time *training.*

The company have asked for a report on Miss Hardcastle's *financial* needs to prepare for next year's Olympic Games in Seoul in the hope of keeping her in the sport. Mr Hardcastle is to discuss the development with his daughter.

The Central Council of Physical Recreation have become quite concerned at the situation Miss Hardcastle and a number of young British *international* sports people find themselves in. They have asked all 102 *national* affiliated bodies to indicate how many other competitors are similarly affected.

Peter Lawson, secretary of the CCPR, of which the Duke of Edinburgh is President, said yesterday: "It is a disgrace that sports people should be discriminated against in this way. We wish to test the scale of it happening nationally and then take appropriate action. They might include," he said, "approaching the government to make the necessary changes in law to stop this discrimination against sport. As I see it, there are some stingy, bureaucratic hands on an extremely sensitive matter and something must be done about it."

Mr Lawson added that he *has* been appalled to learn that a number of international competitors had *returned with* medals from major championships to find they have had DHSS *benefit stopped for* the period they were away. "What a welcome home for winners."

A *number* of competitors had this experience following the last Olympic Games in Los Angeles and Neil Macfarlane, the Minister for Sport at the time, raised the matter with the appropriate Government department but to no avail.

The Amateur Swimming Association will be reporting to the CCPR that they *have so far* received notification from 10 of their swimmers who are suffer*ing financial* hardships because of losing out on DHSS benefits.

Boyd can increase fund

Kevin Boyd, who so narrowly missed a medal when finishing fourth in the 400 metres freestyle at the world championships last summer, has the chance to boost his training fund in the Hewlett-Packard international open *meet starting* in Ipswich today (Roy Moor writes).

The *amateur swimming* association for the first time have made money awards available for swimmers *who* break records and Boyd's recent form suggests he is in good shape for a record or two.

Boyd, who swims for South Tyneside, broke the British and English record for 800 metres freestyle and the English record for 100 metres backstroke in Bonn earlier in the month, and only recently missed out on British records for 200 metres backstroke and 200 metres and 400 *metres* freestyle. With Tony Day, of Leeds, also in the 400 metres, Boyd would not be lacking in opposition to press him all the way.

Rewards for breaking records will be: world, £125; European or Commonwealth, £100; British, £75, English Scottish or Welsh, £50; British junior, £25, English Scottish Welsh junior, £20.

Ding-dong battle: Manley (left), the champion, comes face to face with a mellow Marsh (Photograph: Les Lee)

Warren plan irks Manley

By Srikumar Sen

Mighty Joe Manley came out fighting yesterday — in an early defence of his rights as a world champion. He refused to agree to any change in the line-up of officials, three Americans and a Dane, appointed by the International Boxing Federation for the defence of his light welterweight title against Terry Marsh, at Basildon on March 4.

But Roland Dakin, the British *Star Class referee, could be one* of the judges if the International Boxing Federation president Robert Lee heeds the request of Marsh's manager Frank Warren to replace one of the American officials with a British judge. Dakin's name was put forward by John Morris, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control.

Though the British board cannot *provide* a referee licensed by them as they are not members of IBF, Morris said yesterday that he has suggested to Robert Lee that the IBF could use Roland Dakin if they wished, as Dakin's licence expires at the beginning of March.

Morris made the suggestion to Lee *when* he was here for the Honeyghan-Bumphus bout but obviously the message had not reached the Manley camp.

"What is wrong with American judges?" Manley said. "I *am fighting Marsh in front of his* own people and in his home town and I think it is only fair that *there should* be three officials from my country."

"You are here because I paid for you to come here," Warren countered. Manley set his face against any compromise. "If you put in British judges I will pack up and leave," he said.

Warren knows that Marsh has not got the punch to stop Manley and at the end of the 15 rounds *the scorecards will* decide. "Terry has a stand-up style and he might not catch the eye of American judges who are used to a different kind of fighting," Warren said.

Warren was adamant that the panel should not be so one-sided. "This Manley is not a Johnny Bumphus. He is a live fighter. That's why I have sent a telex to Robert Lee asking for a British judge," he said.

The training facilities in the Festival Hall gym have not proved satisfactory for the Americans and they are moving to Terry Lawless's gym in Canning Town to spar with Jim McDonnell.

In the meantime, the circus tent where the title bout will be held is going up in a car park outside the Basildon Crest Hotel. The framework is in place and the canvas ready to be drawn up. "We'll have all the fun of the circus," Warren said. "From six o'clock there will be trapeze artists, boxing booths, *jugglers, fire-eaters, the lot.*"

Just as well Marsh's workmates from the Fire Service will be in attendance. The Marines too will be there in force to watch their former colleague. Warren has even sent an invitation to the most illustrious former Marine of all, Prince Edward.

CRICKET: NEW ZEALAND UNCHANGED, BUT WEST INDIES FACE INJURY DILEMMA

Winning the toss may prove vital key to Auckland Test

From Richard Streeton, Auckland

Whoever wins the toss between Jeremy Coney and Viv Richards, when the second Test match between New Zealand and West Indies starts here tomorrow, could be tempted to ask their opponents to bat first. A greener, more grassy pitch than expected took Glenn Turner, the New Zealand manager, by surprise yesterday when *his players* arrived to practice.

There should definitely be early help for the fast bowlers on *the first day. Either* Richard Hadlee or Malcolm Marshall, who is expected to be fit, could *revel in the initial conditions for* their respective teams.

Later, though, this pitch at Eden Park, one of New Zealand's great rugby stadiums, has a reputation for helping spinners. Richards, in particular therefore, might be chary of committing West Indies to bat last. A motorized five-ton roller, imported from the United States, inched its way up and down the pitch yesterday as Auckland basked in 80-degree sunshine, and brought moisture to the surface.

It has not rained locally for some time, but the groundsman has used his sprinklers freely and there is some wetness underneath. There are three pitches on this square, which is re-seeded after each rugby season finishes in October. An outside pitch, not previously *played on this year, and rarely* used for Tests, is being utilised for this match, meaning that the legside *boundaries* on one *side* are shorter than usual.

West Indies rested after both teams flew from Wellington after breakfast but the New Zealanders had a strenuous workout in late afternoon. Hadlee bowled a tighter line in the nets than he did in the first Test where he took only two wickets, a meagre contribution by his recent standards. He receives more support from the crowd *here than anywhere else* in New Zealand, though it has never been one of his happier *hunting grounds.*

This past history could provide Hadlee with the additional *incentive that he* always likes to find for himself. Not that he is short of these at the moment. His future cricket with Nottinghamshire might be restricted in future along the lines of Imran Khan's with Sussex; that is, mostly one-day games and selected three-day appearances. With the New Zealand authorities, though, *he is* currently seeking an unprecedented three-year contract to play guar*anteed representative* cricket.

The New Zealand Cricket Council, too, are believed to have made an agreement along these lines, though some small print details are still being discussed and nobody is disposing anything publicly. Hadlee is 35 years old, and keeps himself remarkably fit. With 336 wickets to his name, he is very aware that he is only 30 behind Botham's world record Test aggregate. After this series, Hadlee should narrow the gap further when New Zealand play three Tests in *Sri Lanka in April* and May.

Meanwhile, Coney hit the nail *on the head when he stressed* afterwards how much morale in the New Zealand dressing-room *had been boosted by their fight*back at Wellington. The confidence emanating from the *New Zealanders* is now clearly apparent, though they are right to be concerned still in one or two areas.

Edgar has declined to be tempted out of retirement and an opening partner for Wright remains one problem. Rutherford failed twice in the role in the first Test, and the lack of further candidates emphasizes the lack of depth in New Zealand cricket outside the Test party. Philip Horne, a *24-year*-old left-hander, scored heavily in the recent Shell Trophy and *has his advocates. But Horne* failed twice for the President's XI against West Indies in the *recent three-day game*.

Another worry for Coney is whether to revert to his *preferred* No. 6 place in the batting order. Against his better judgment, he was persuaded to go in No. 3 at Wellington, but the switch helped neither Coney nor Jeff Crowe, who, it was thought, might benefit from dropping down the list. Other than the batting of Martin Crowe and Wright, the chief encouragement for New Zealand in the first Test came from the tight, varied spin bowling of Bracewell and *Boock.*

Greenidge and Haynes, the old firm, played splendidly in *the first innings* last weekend, but both looked put out on Tuesday when the ball turned. Overall, West Indies still give the impression that they find it hard to apply themselves, a fault which was their recent undoing in Australia.

A final echo from the first Test: local statisticians are wondering *if* one of the more obscure world records was set when West Indies did not take a *second new* ball in New Zealand's second innings. They bowled 177 overs, or 1,090 balls in all, if the 28 no-balls are included. Reference books are no help, but it was certainly an unusually high number.

NEW ZEALAND (from): *J V Coney, J G Wright, K R Rutherford, J J Crowe, M D Crowe, †I D S Smith, D N Patel, R J *Hadlee, M C Snedden, S L Boock,* J G Bracewell, E J Chatfield. Twelfth man: P A Horne.

WEST INDIES (from): *I V A Richards, M D *Marshall, C G Greenidge,* †P J L Dujon, J Garner, H A Gomes, D L Haynes, A L Logie, R B Richardson, C A Walsh, A H Gray, C G Butts.

Umpires: F R Goodall and G C Morris.

Pakistan dug out by Ramiz

From Qamar Ahmed
Jaipur

Despite a fighting innings of 114 by Ramiz Raja, Pakistan still need 38 runs with four wickets in hand today to avoid the follow-on and save the third Test. Though Syed Nasir Ahmed, the Pakistan manager, and Imran Khan, the captain, protested at the state of the pitch, which they regarded as damaged from sawdust after a severe thunderstorm, the fourth day's play started as scheduled.

But to everyone's surprise *Kapil Dev allowed Binny and* Yadav to resume India's innings at 459 for eight. The pair added six *runs before Kapil* called a halt. The Indian captain's strange tactics seemed more *unfathomable* when Pakistan began disastrously — Shoaib and Rizwan departing with only 28 runs on the board.

Shoaib was caught by Gavaskar in the slips without scoring off Amarnath, who opened the bowling in the absence of the injured Binny.

Rizwan followed for 10 as More, the wicketkeeper, dived to take a glance off Kapil. Miandad then lifted Pakistan out of the minor crisis — once hoisting Yadav for a towering six and also taking 10 off an over from Sharma before he was trapped by Shastri.

That brought Younis Ahmed to the wicket — *17 years and 110* days since he last played for Pakistan, against New Zealand *in Lahore. But it was not a* happy comeback as he resentfully showed his disagreement *with a bat-bad decision against* him off Sharma.

When Salim Malik went at 174, Pakistan were in real danger, but Imran added 54 with the determined Ramiz, who survived a chance at 92, and hit 11 fours and a six in his valuable innings. Imran (21 not out) is however still disenchanted. "It is unfair that a visiting team should play on a wicket which has obviously been *damaged,*" *he said.*

INDIA: First innings 465 for 8 dec

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Ramiz Raja b Kapil Dev	114
Shoaib Mohammad c Gavaskar b Amarnath	0
Rizwan-uz-Zaman c More b Kapil Dev	10
Javed Miandad lbw b Shastri	50
Younis Ahmed c sub b Sharma	14
Salim Malik c Srikkanth b Sharma	10
*Imran Khan not out	21
Extras (lb 1, nb 8)	9
Total (6 wkts)	228

†Yousuf Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmed to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-28, 3-122, 4-162, 5-174, 6-228.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 18.3-3-58-2; Amarnath 8-4-15-1; Shastri 30-11-46-1; Yadav 17-4-56-0, Sharma 18-3-52-2.

Sobers' 50,000 cheers

Sir Garfield Sobers yesterday helped launch Cockspur Rum's £50,000 sponsorship of the national club cricket competition, formerly the William Younger's Cup.

Almost 500 clubs will compete in this year's event, which has the final of the 45-overs competition at Lord's each year.

***Don Robson,* the National Cricket Association chairman, said: "This sponsorship is vital, *as it is the training ground for* our first-class players."**

Sobers, now a consultant for the Barbados board of tourism, also paid tribute to England's successful recent campaign in Australia. "England are the best one-day side in the world at the moment," he said. Sobers believes England are now the favourites to win the World Cup in the Indian sub-continent later this year, but warned: "The *West Indies are still No. 1* in Test cricket, although they must introduce some young players while Viv Richards and Desmond Haynes are still at the top. They seem to have lost some determination, but it's not so much that they are getting worse as other countries are getting better."

He said: "I would hate to see what happened to us in the early Seventies happening again. Then, the great West Indies Sixties side went on a *bit* too long and blocked the development of youngsters coming *through. The West Indies* are now at a crossroads again."

Sobers also had a warning for Richards, the Indies captain. "Viv will find it difficult to make the transition to Test cricket *now he's going to play* Lancashire League and not county cricket in England this *summer.*"

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Jersey's warm welcome

By George Chesterton

RGS *Worcester* have just returned from a successful half-term three-match tour of Jersey, defeating Victoria College 3-1, Hautlieu 5-1 after four goals in the second half and a Jersey Select XI 6-1. S Cooper with six goals proved a match-winner.

A Northern independent schools under-16 XI played *Oldham Athletic juniors* on the artificial surface at Boundary Park. Although Oldham had territorial *advantage J Nolam,* of Hulme GS, scored twice on the break to put the schools two ahead, *but Oldham levelled only* to concede a third goal.

Oundle led 1-0 at half-time against *Oakham,* their goal coming from a goal-mouth scramble. As time began to run out Oakham threw men forward and only minutes from the final whistle, Nield scored the equalizer from 15 yards.

Wellington, visiting Douai, took the lead from an own goal, but the *home* team came back to equalize. A nicely judged header by Jackson put Wellington ahead and *M Hodgson followed* with two late goals.

Christ's Hospital were not *found wanting when they drew* 1-1 against KES Witley, 0-0 against Lancing and came back *in a snowstorm from 2-0 down* against Hampton GS to level. Macro, their captain, snatching the *draw* two minutes from time.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

BASS IRISH CUP: First round replay: Bangor v Tobermore (3.0).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Middlesbrough v Nottingham Forest (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Norwich (2.0); Charlton v Luton (at Bromley FC, 3.0).

FA TROPHY: *Third round, third replay:* Nuneaton v Blyth.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Third round replay: Hendon v Dagenham.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Barnet v Weymouth.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Third round: Woodford v Chatham.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Army v Civil Service (at Bisham Abbey, 11.0). British Police v RAF (at Imber Court, 2.30).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men: Malory v Portsmouth Heatseal (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Surrey Championships (Wimbledon S and BC, Wimbledon).

BOXING: Tournaments: York Hall, Bethnal Green; Merton Civic Centre; Hartlepool Borough Hall.

RACKETS: Army Championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS: Combined Services championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

ROWING: Oxford Torpids; Cambridge Lents.

SNOOKER: Dulux British open (at Assembly Rooms, Derby).

SWIMMING: Hewlett-Packard international open meeting (at Ipswich)

TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor tournament (at Croydon).

SPORT ON TV

GOLF: International pro-celebrity. BBC2: 5.50pm.

SNOOKER: Dulux British open, Derby. C4: 2pm. ITV: 11pm. Taylor Made: BBC1 (Northern Ireland only): 6.35pm.

GOLF

World Cup returns to fight another more lucrative day

By Mitchell Platts

The World Cup will be revived this year with teams from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales among those challenging for record prize-money, ex*pected to be more than $1*-million, at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii from November 19 to 22.

It marks an interesting return for an event which blossomed as the Canada Cup, inaugurated in 1953, on integrity and sportsmanship, and then floundered against the arrival of commercial *newcomers such as the* Dunhill and Nissan Cups.

After Canada edged out England (Howard Clark and Paul Way) in the 1985 event in California, the International Golf Association, organizers of the World Cup, announced there would be no event in 1986. Many observers believed that to be *the end of the* World Cup.

But Burch Riber, the executive director of the IGA, refused to concede defeat and following 12 months of negotiations during which West Nally, the London-based international sports marketing organization, were seconded, the final details were agreed at a meeting in New York on *Tuesday* evening.

Riber said: "We have new sponsors and a new board of *directors but the same philos*ophy. The idea is to continue the traditions of the World Cup and move it annually from country to country so as to continue to encourage the growth of the game.

"It is not our aim to develop it into a TV product for the American market. We have *sought sponsorship with an* international flavour and the World Cup will circulate through Europe, Japan and Australia as well as the United States.

"We want to get the World Cup back to where it was: one of the truly great events which promotes goodwill. To hell with *the commercial aspect. I'm not* naive, and I know there have to be sponsors, but our first priority is not only to serve the interest of those sponsors but also the interests of the game."

I understand that the entire package will be officially announced in three weeks by which time it is conceivable that *the World Cup will break new* territory by announcing that the prize money is around $1.5-million.

Patrick Nally, Chief Executive of West Nally, which has with the departure of Peter West been renamed the Parallel Media Group, said: "The World Cup now has a long-term future *and we will develop it in much* the same way that we have assisted tennis to promote and *increase the interest in the Davis* Cup. The World Cup is off the ground again, which is what we all wanted to achieve, and we are all excited about that."

Three-year renewal for Dunhill

There was good news yesterday for British golf spectators with the announcement that the Dunhill Masters, which for a third time will unfold this year at Woburn from June 4 to 7, will continue for a further three years at the same venue (Mitchell Platts writes).

Dunhill are investing another £2 million with the prize-money increased from £200,000 this year to £250,000 in 1988 and to £300,000 in 1989 and 1990.

Ken Schofield, the executive director of the European PGA Tour, said: "The continental sponsors have *thrown down a* challenge in the last two years by increasing their prize funds but *Dunhill are once again giving* the British segment of the tour a major boost. They were the first sponsors on our tour to take prize-money to £200,000, since when 20 other sponsors have followed them, and once again they are leading the way in Britain."

Severiano Ballesteros will defend the title and Bernhard Langer will be among the opposition which will include a leading American golfer. But Greg Norman cannot compete as he is defending that week the Kemper Open on the US Tour.

Dunhill also announced a new involvement in amateur golf. *The Dunhill Amateur Mas*ters tournament will have two sections — one for single handi*cap men and the other for* women with a handicap of 18 or lower — and there will be 20 *regional finals feeding* a 36-holes national final at Woburn on September 2.

Ballesteros aims to make point

From John Ballantine
Miami, Florida

Severiano Ballesteros returns to the Doral Golf and Country Club, where the Doral Ryder Open starts today, with mixed feelings. On the one hand, the Spaniard undoubtedly feels piqued that the club saw fit to sack him last year from his post as their touring professional, giving as the reason the fact that he had lost his US playing card.

Ballesteros intends to spend some time this week trying to sell the house here which went *with the job.* He wisecracked to an inquirer last week about the impending sale: "Would you *like to buy it? I make you special* offer."

On the other hand, Balles*teros feels* that, unencumbered by the responsibility of playing here as a duty in previous years, he can make a much more serious effort to try to win the title.

And what a prize awaits him if he pulls it off. The prize-money has been doubled since last year from $500,000 to $1 million (about £653,600) with a first prize of $180,000 (about £117,650). Only the prestigious Tournament Players Championship at Ponte Vedra, Florida, in one month's time, carries comparable reward.

Ballesteros is joined here by his European Ryder Cup team mates Sandy Lyle, Ken Brown and Bernhard Langer. The task facing all of them is to tame the *6,939-yard par-72 "blue monster"*, the most difficult of the four courses at Doral.

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ROWING

Champion makes history in Torpids

By Jim Railton

Dan Lyons, of the United States, became the first world champion to row in the Oxford Torpids yesterday. Lyons, aged 28, the world champion in the coxless fours, is one of the four Olympic and world medal-winning Americans to rebel against the Oxford University Boat Club's selection for the Boat Race, for which performers of Lyons's calibre are usually busy preparing at this time of year.

Men

DIVISION I: Pembroke bpd Christ Church; Brasenose bpd Exeter; Worcester bpd Exeter, New bpd Lincoln; St Catherine's bpd Queen's; St Edmund Hall bpd Queen's.
Finishing order: Oriel, Keble, Pembroke, Christ Church, Oriel II, Brasenose, Worcester, Exeter, New, Lincoln, St Catherine's, St Edmund Hall, Queen's.
DIVISION II: Hertford bpd Wadham, Balliol bpd University, Jesus bpd St Peter's.
Finishing order: St Edmund Hall, Hertford, Wadham, Balliol, University, Trinity, Magdalen, Wolfson, St John's, Keble II, Osler, Jesus, St Peter's.
DIVISION III: Lincoln II bpd Corpus, Lady *Margaret Hall bpd Corpus, Merton bpd* Corpus, Worcester II bpd Corpus, Pembroke II bpd Corpus, Brasenose II bpd Corpus, St Catherine's II bpd Corpus, University II bpd Corpus, St Catherine's II *bpd Brasenose II and University II bpd* Brasenose II.
Finishing order: Jesus, Christ Church II, Oriel III, Exeter II, Lincoln II, Lady Margaret Hall, Merton, Worcester II, *Pembroke II,* St Catherine's, University, Brasenose, Corpus.
DIVISION IV: New College II bpd Mansfield, Hertford II bpd St Anne's, Jesus II bpd Wadham II.
Finishing Order. University, *New College* II, Mansfield, St John's II, Hertford II, St Anne's, Queen's II, Balliol II, St Edmund Hall II, Jesus II, Wadham II, Wolfson II, Worcester III.
DIVISION V: Regent's Park bpd St John's III, Oriel IV bpd Exeter III, Linacre bpd Oriel V, Lady Margaret Hall II bpd Oriel V, Keble III bpd Oriel V, Trinity II bpd Keble III, Wadham III bpd Keble III, Jesus III bpd *Wadham III.*
Finishing order: Worcester III, Regent's Park, St John's III, Oriel IV, Exeter III, Linacre, Lady Margaret Hall II, Trinity II, Jesus II, Wadham III, Keble III, Oriel V, *Oriel VI.*
DIVISION VI: Queen's III bpd Christ Church III, New III bpd Trinity III, Hertford III bpd St Catherine's III, Lady Margaret Hall III bpd St Catherine's III, Magdalen II bpd Brasenose III, *Hertford IV bpd* Brasenose III.
Finishing Order: Oriel VI, St Peter's II, Queen's III, Christ Church III, New III, Trinity III, Hertford III, Lady Margaret Hall III, St Catherine's III, Merton II, Magdalen II, Hertford IV, Brasenose III.
DIVISION VII: Hertford IV bpd New IV, St John's IV bpd Christ Church IV, Worcester IV bpd Christ Church IV, St Peter's III bpd Queen's IV, St Edmund Hall IV bpd St Anne's II.
Finishing Order: Hertford IV, New IV, St Edmund Hall III, St John's IV, Worcester IV, Christ Church IV, St Peter's III, Queen's IV, Brasenose IV, Brasenose V, St Edmund Hall IV, St Anne's II, St Anne's III.

Women

DIVISION I: Somerville bpd St Catherine's; Lady Margaret bpd St Catherine's; Wadham bpt St Hilda's; University bpt St Hilda's; Worcester bpt St *Hilda's; Balliol bpd St Hilda's; Brasenose* bpt Jesus: St Anne's bpd Jesus.
Finishing order: Osler, St Hugh's, Somerville, Lady Margaret Hall, St Catherine's, Wadham, University, Worcester, Balliol, *St Hilda's, Brasenose, St Anne's, Jesus.*
DIVISION II: St Hugh's II bpd Pembroke, Keble bpd Trinity, New bpd Wolfson, Corpus bpd Lincoln, Hertford bpd Exeter.
Finishing order: St Anne's, St Hugh's II, Pembroke, Keble, Trinity, New, Wolfson, Corpus, Lincoln, Queen's, Hertford, Exeter, St Edmund Hall.
DIVISION III: Christ Church bpd Somerville II, St Hugh's III bpd St Hilda's II, St Peter's bpd St Hilda's II, Magdalen bpd St Hilda's II, St John's bpd Merton, Pembroke II bpd St Edmund Hall II, St Hugh's IV bpd St Edmund Hall II.
Finishing Order: St Edmund Hall, Christ Church, Somerville II, St Hugh's III, St Peter's, Magdalen, St Hilda's II, St John's, Merton, St John's II, Pembroke II, St Hugh's IV, St Edmund Hall II.
DIVISION IV: Hertford II bpd Keble II; Wadham II bpd Keble II; Oriel bpd Keble II; Brasenose II bpd Keble II; Osler II bpd Lady Margaret Hall II; Christ Church II bpd Lady Margaret Hall II; Lincoln II bpd Lady Margaret Hall II; Queen's II bpd Lady Margaret Hall II.
Finishing Order: St Hugh's IV, New II, St Hugh's V, Hertford II, Wadham II, Oriel, Brasenose II, Keble II, Osler II, Christ *Church II, Lincoln II, Queen's II,* Lady Margaret Hall II.

● Yesterday's results in the Cambridge Lents races were:

Men

DIVISION I: 1st and 3rd Trinity bpd Emmanuel: Jesus bpd Clare; Magdalene bpd Peterhouse; Queens bpd St Catharine's
Starting Order: Downing; Pembroke; 1st and 3rd Trinity; Emmanuel; Caius; Jesus; Clare; LMBC; Christ's; Trinity Hall; Fitzwilliam; Magdalene; Peterhouse. Churchill and Selwyn re-row; Queens'.
DIVISION II: Downing II bpd Emmanuel II; Trinity Hall II bpd King's; Selwyn II bpd Corpus Christi.
Starting order: St Catharine's; 1st and 3rd Trinity II; LMBC II; Jesus II; Clare II; Caius II, Sidney Sussex; Downing II; Emmanuel II; Pembroke II; Christ's II; Trinity Hall II; King's: Jesus III; Selwyn II; Corpus Christi.
DIVISION III: LMBC III bpd Fitzwilliam II; Churchill II bpd Girton; LMBC IV bpd Churchill III; Trinity Hall III bpd Clare III; Darwin bpd First and Third Trinity III; LMBC V bpd Christ's III.
Starting order: LMBC III; Fitzwilliam II; Magdalene II; Robinson; Churchill II; Girton; Queen's II, LMBC IV; Churchill III; Trinity Hall III; Clare III; Darwin; First and Third Trinity III; Peterhouse II; Magdalene III; LMBC V.
DIVISION IV: Queens' III bpd Sidney Sussex II:corpus christi II bpd downing III; Pembroke III bpd St Catharine's II; Caius III bpd Emmanuel III; Vetinary School bpd Hughes Hall.
Starting order: 1 Christ's III, 2 Queens' III, 3 Sidney Sussex II, 4 corpus christu II, 5, Downing III and 6 Pembroke III; St Catharine's II; King's II; Wolfson; Fitzwilliam III; Caius III; Emmanuel III; Girton II; Vetinary School; Hughes Hall: Theological College.
DIVISION V: Churchill IV bpd St Catharine's III; Selwyn III bpd St Edmund's House; Pembroke IV bpd Sidney Sussex III; Christ's IV bpd First and Third Trinity IV; Magdalane IV bpd Corpus Christi III; King's III bpd Emmanuel IV; Robinson II bpd LMBC VI.
Starting order: Churchill IV; St Catharine's III; Jesus IV; Selwyn III;St Edmunds House; Addenbrooke's; Peterhouse III; Pembroke IV; Sidney Sussex III; Christ's IV; First and Third Trinity IV; Caius IV; Magdalene IV; Corpus Christi III; King's III; Emmanuel IV; Robinson II; LMBC VI.

Women

DIVISION I: Churchill bpd Homerton: Fitzwilliam bpd Trinity Hall; Caius bpd Clare; LMBC bpd New Hall; Downing bpd Sidney Sussex; *Corpus Christie over bpd* St Catharines.
Starting order: Jesus, Churchill, Homerton, Newnham, Emmanuel, *Fitzwilliam, Trinity Hall,* Caius, Clare, First and Third Trinity, LMBC, New Hall, Girton, Queen's, Corpus Christi, Downing, Sidney Sussex.
DIVISION II: Corpus Christi bpd Christs; Newnham II bpd Clare II; Churchill II bpd QMABC; Wolfson bpd Jesus III: Addenbrookes bpd *New Hall II; Peterhouse bpd CCAT.*
Starting order: St Catharines; Christ's; Selwyn; three rerows, Newnham II; Clare II; Churchill II; *QMABC; Wolfson; Jesus III;* Emmanuel II; LMBC II; Addenbrookes; New Hall II; Peterhouse
DIVISION III: Queen's II bpd Selwyn II; First and Third Trinity II bpd LMBC III; Caius II over bpd Christs II; Sidney Sussex II bpd Trinity Hall II; Fitzwilliam II bpd Girton II; Downing II bpd Corpus Christie II.
Starting order: Peterhouse; Darwin; Queen's II; Selwyn II; Caius II; First and Third Trinity II; LMBC III; Christs II; Sidney Sussex II; Trinity Hall II; Fitzwilliam II; Girton II; Downing II; Corpus Christie II; Homerton II; Robinson II; QMABC II.

Mecca answer all the fears of betting industry over direct TV

The Times* last week reported on the Big Four bookmakers' increased power in horse-racing and greyhound-racing with the coming, on May 1, of SIS, the satellite television service beaming the sports direct from the tracks to the betting shops. We revealed the fears in the £4 billion betting industry following the deal where the Big Four – Ladbrokes, Mecca, Coral and William Hill – retain 45 per cent of *the company. How do the Big Four answer the* questions put to them by John Goodbody and David Sapsted? Bob Green, the chairman of Mecca and, until *last week, acting chairman of SIS, states their case.

Question: Why do you say of the small bookmaker that "we will continue to see (and long may it continue) the strength and vitality of the progressive individual or company" when the need to provide SIS in shops, to *compete with the Big Four,* will put an increasing financial burden on the small shops? This has been recognized by the National Association of Bookmakers, representing some small shops and on *course bookmakers, and even* in writing by Ladbrokes.

Green: The Big Four still run only 3,800 shops. There are many thriving independent bookmakers, like Coomes and the A R Dennis chain, who *will increase their* market share. At the moment, shops pay £4,000 a year for what most people in the business consider is an antiquated system of speech and text in black and white from Extel, the existing agency.

This is why SIS was set up: to give the bookmakers and *the punters a modern service.* For only an extra £2,000, we can give facilities which will be an enormous improvement on the Extel system, and will provide a full-colour text system from horse and greyhound racing. This will provide better facilities for the punter and will attract more punters into the shops – all shops, not just shops owned by the so-called Big Four.

Do not forget that under the agreement between the Racecourse Association and SIS, at least £10 million will be going to racecourses over the next three years. Except for small sponsorships, Extel has not put anything back into the sport.

Green: defends Big Four

Question: If you regard Starting Prices (SP) as "sacrosanct", why did BOLA, the Betting Office Licensees' Association, of which the Big Four are members, produce a *discussion paper on the* possibility of dropping the existing system, which is calculated by consultation between representatives of *The Sporting Life* and the Press Association, the national agency? *Instead,* there were talks about replacing it with computerized returns from a small number of specially-chosen bookmakers.

Green: This was one of a myriad of discussion documents. It was not acted on. But there has always been discussion within all sectors of the industry that the SP is determined by a small amount of money on course. We are concerned that the independence of the SP is maintained. I repeat: the SP is sacrosanct.

Question: Do you agree that the problem with SIS is that it is an information service and the quality of information is controlled by bookmakers when the service should be independent?

Green: No. It is nonsense that we can interfere with the information to betting shops. *If there was any question of* manipulating the "board" or "show" prices, we would lose *the confidence of all book*makers and their customers overnight. Extel will still be supplying its own service and people can compare the speed and accuracy of the two services.

Question: Will SIS go ahead with its service on May 1, even if the remaining 40 per cent of the shares in the company are not in place? That is the wish of Gen Sir Peter Leng, the chairman of *the Racecourse Association,* which owns 10 per cent of the shares and has the veto on all matters directly affecting racing?

Green: Many companies and institutions have already applied for the remaining shares, but it is up to the RCA if the actual transfer of shares *takes place before we go live.* It is a commercial decision when those shareholders actually come on board.

Question: Do you accept that punters may be more inclined to bet on greyhound racing, because of its exposure on SIS, and this could well affect the £21 million levy *from bookmakers which goes* to horse-racing each year?

Green: When there is a choice between the two sports, punters prefer horse racing and that will continue. But SIS will attract more people to bet. *There will be an increased* turnover. SIS will certainly affect the levy, but it will affect it positively.

Question: Do you agree with forecasts that attendances at the 59 racecourses will drop by an average of about 10 per cent because of satellite television, as has been the experi*ence in the United States* and Australia when it was introduced there?

Green: Again I think SIS will have a positive effect. Television exposure stimulates interest in certain sports and racing is one of those. *I think this has been the recent* experience after broadcasting by BBC and ITV.

Question: Should greyhound racing have a levy similar to the one in horse-racing and should bookmakers pay this? After all, greyhound attendances have dropped from 15 million in 1960 to 3.8 million in 1986.

Green: I do not think there *should be a levy.* The betting industry has had to organize itself to set up afternoon greyhound racing. Historically, there has been little cooperation between the National Greyhound Racing Club *and the bookmakers.* The NGRC once put an embargo on sending out the results of evening racing because it thought attendances were suffering.

Question: Do you not feel it is invidious for a system, in which the bookmakers have a major share, to control the information being distributed to the punters?

Green: All bookmakers, not just the Big Four, welcomed the changes in the Act which permitted satellite broadcasting. The Big Four are owned by *some of the largest com*panies in Britain. Any suggestion of anything less than complete integrity by those companies is wrong.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	20	70	fair	fair	worn	cloudy	-2
Some good skiing							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	40	130	good	varied	fair	good	-2
Good skiing in parts							
Obergurgl	120	190	good	heavy	good	fine	-10
Good skiing everywhere							
Sölden	50	160	good	heavy	good	fine	-10
Good skiing everywhere							
FRANCE							
Flaine	98	195	good	varied	good	fine	2
Good skiing; some icy patches							
Les Arcs	65	160	fair	varied	poor	fine	-3
Good skiing above 2000m							
ITALY							
Sauze d'Oulx	30	90	good	varied	good	sun	0
Good skiing with icy patches							
SWITZERLAND							
Klosters	150	80	good	heavy	good	fine	0
Excellent skiing conditions							
Grindelwald	50	110	good	varied	good	fine	2
Good skiing on north slopes							
Gstaad	45	95	good	heavy	fair	sun	-1
Good piste skiing							
Verbier	30	160	good	heavy	fair	sun	7
Good sunny skiing							
Wengen	60	125	good	varied	good	fine	0
Good skiing on piste							
Zermatt	70	180	good	varied	giood	fine	3
Excellent piste skiing.							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

ITALY

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
Abetone	130	250
Alleghe	70	220
Andalo	80	220
Aprica	50	250
Arabba	140	180
Bardonecchia	70	150
Bormio	15	90
Canazei	35	100
Caspoggio	40	110
Cervinia	80	150
Chiesa Valmalenco	5	*60*
Claviere	35	100
Cortina d'Ampezzo	50	150
Corvara	30	80
Courmayeur	70	170
Falcade	*70*	*160*
Foppolo	180	230
La Thuile	50	150
Livigno	90	150
Madesimo	110	150

SCOTLAND

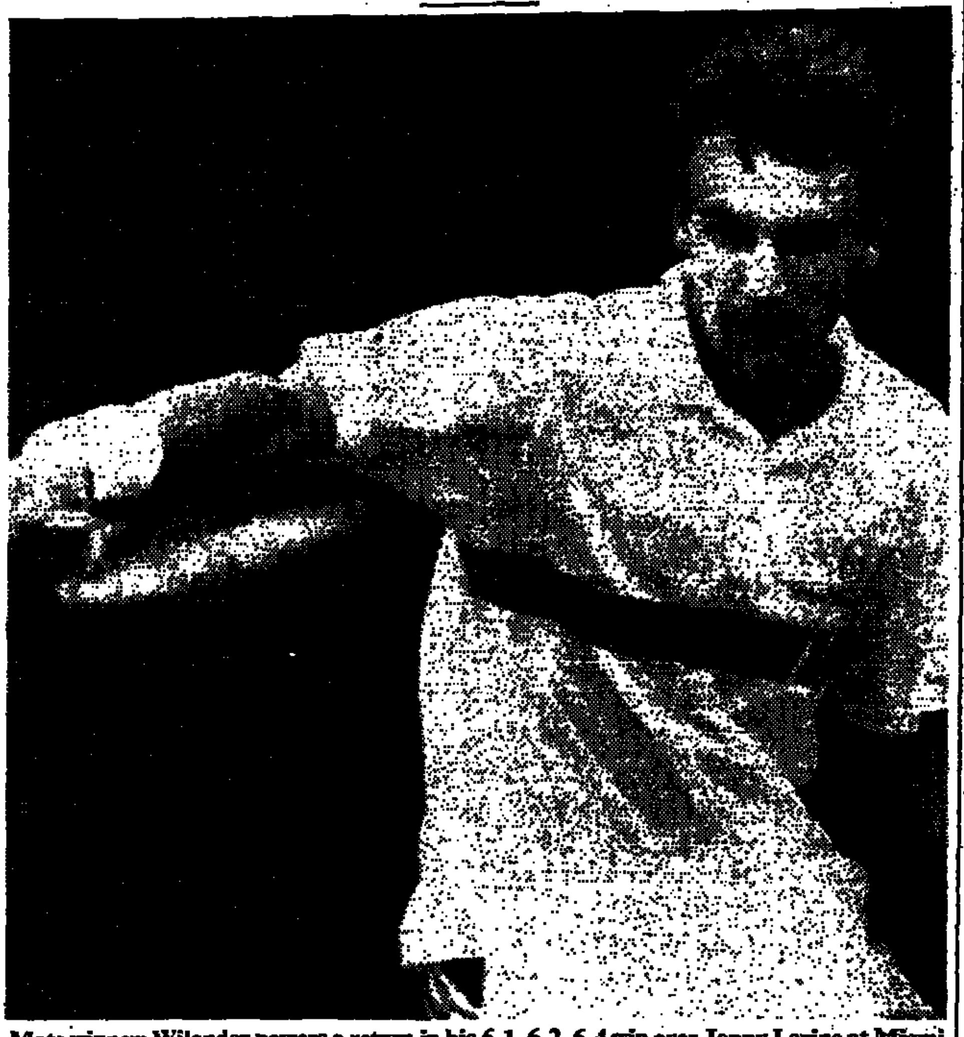
Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1800ft: hill roads, clear: main roads, clear: snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow with icy patches: middle runs, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow with icy patches: lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches: vertical runs, 1500ft: hill roads, clear: main roads, clear: snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): *upper runs, runs complete,* hard packed snow on a hard base: lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base, vertical runs, 1400ft: hill roads, clear: main roads, clear: snow level, 2200ft. *Lecht:* upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow with icy patches: middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow with icy patches, lower slopes, ample nursery *areas, hard packed snow with icy* patches: vertical runs, 700ft: hill roads, clear, main roads, clear, snow level, 2000ft Forecast for today: occasional light snow showers becoming heavy and persistant during the afternoon, but probably turning to rain later at Glencoe; severe south-easterly gale developing. **Outlook for tomorrow:** any snow turning to rain, becoming brighter at Glencoe.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Madonna di Campiglio	150	250
Macugnaga	100	170
Marilleva	100	180
Ortisei	20	90
Piancavallo	210	260
Ravascletto	80	250
S Caterina Valfurva	60	100
S Martino di Castrozza	120	180
Sappada	70	170

● Information supplied by the Italian National Tourist Office.

TENNIS


Mats winner: Wilander powers a return in his 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 win over Jonny Levine at Miami

Jordan seeks top ATP post

From Richard Evans, Key Biscayne, Florida

Hamilton Jordan, the former Chief of Staff at the White House under President Carter, has joined the applicants for the vacant post as executive director of the Association of Tennis Professionals.

Although there are precedents for senior politicians taking top *positions in professional sports* in the United States, Jordan's interest in a job previously occupied by the former British No. 1, *Mike Davies, is startling.*

No less startling for the ATP board, who were interviewing candidates here in Miami as rain cascaded down on the Lipton International Players Championships, was the reported $0.25million salary Jordan was asking for. Davies was paid just over half that sum.

Ray Moore, the driving-force on the ATP board who is also chairman of the MIPTC, is known to favour Jordan's candidacy, primarily because of the *exceptional administrative* skills and political clout he will bring to an organization that has lost much of its potency since Jack Kramer resigned as the first executive director in 1975.

Jordan, one of relatively few top presidential aides to have emerged from the White House with his reputation unscathed in recent years, has little knowledge of tennis. But he has impressed Moore with his enthusiasm for the job and the speed with which he has grasped the basic rudiments of the game's byzantine politics.

Others challenging for the post include Harry Usher, the former commisioner for the United States Gridiron Football League who was Peter Ueberroth's No. 2 at the Los Angeles Olympics, and Frank Smith, one of the original MIPTC Grand Prix supervisors. The ATP board are expected to make a choice within the next two days.

RESULTS: Men's singles: First round: M Srejber (Cz) bt N Odizor (Nig), 6-4, 6-1, 6-2; T Benhabiles (Fr) bt *H Harr* (US), 6-1, 7-5, 6-2; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; M Wilander (Swe) bt J Levine (US), 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; G Holmes (US) bt M Leach (US), 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 6-7, 6-3; S Edberg *(Swe), bt P Carlsson (Swe),* 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; A Jarryd (Swe) bt I Kley (Bra), 6-3, 6-0, 6-4; D Cahill (Aus), bt C Aprili (It), 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; A Gomez (Ec) bt C Kirmayr (Br), 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 7-6; S Davis (US) bt J Lapidus (US), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-0; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt M Laurendeau (Can), 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Women's singles: First round: S Sloane (US) bt B Herr (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; M *Werdel (US) bt D Spence (US),* 6-3, 6-2; A Kijimuta (Jap) bt E Krapl (Swit), 6-1, 2-6, 7-6; R Fairbank (SA) bt T Mochizuki (US), 1-6, 6-3, 7-6; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt C Monteiro (Br), 7-5, 6-3; Y Vermaak (SA) bt *W Turnbull (Aus),* 6-4, 6-4; *E Smylie (Aus)* bt K Horvath (US), 6-3, 6-3; A Minter (Aus) bt S Goles (Yug), 7-5, 4-6, 6-0; M Fernandez (US) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; R White (US) bt L Meskhi (USSR), 6-3, 6-4; *M Lindstrom (Swe) bt B Gerken (US),* 6-4, 6-0; S Gomer (GB) bt A White (US), 7-6, 6-1; M Paz (Arg) bt G Fernandez (US), 6-2, 7-6; T Phelps (US) bt A M Cecchini (It), 6-2, 6-4; F Bonsignori (It) bt C Jolissaint *(Swit), 6-4, 6-2; G Rush Magers (US) bt C* Suire (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; N Tauziat (Fr) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; S Parkhomenko (USSR) bt C Porwick (WG), 6-3, 6-2; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt J Novotna (Cz), 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Fifth round replay: Watford 4, Walsall 4 (aet: score after 90min: 3-3).
SECOND DIVISION: Barnsley 1, Grimsby Town 0.

THIRD DIVISION: Darlington 2, York City 2; Newport County 0, Bournemouth 1.

FOURTH DIVISION: Halifax Town 1, Lincoln City 2; Rochdale 3, Aldershot 1; *Torquay United 0, Northampton 1;* Tranmere Rovers 2, Cardiff City 1.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Northern Area: Quarter-final: Bury 1, Mansfield 2.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Airdrieonians 0 Forfar Athletic 0; Brechin City 0, Dunfermline 2.

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers 1, *East Stirling* 1; *St Johnstone* 2, Berwick 0; Stirling Albion 2, Stranraer 0.
WELSH FA CUP: Quarter-final: Wrexham 1, Brymbo Steelworks 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds 1, Manchester United 1; Sheffield United 1, Derby 0. Second division: Bradford 3, Stoke 0: Rotherham 2, Preston 0.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Third round: Buxton 0, Scarborough 1. Third round replay: Kettering 2, Altrincham 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Trowbridge 3, Poole 3; Dartford 0, Waterlooville 1. Premier division: Fisher 2, Dudley 0; Gosport 0, Crawley 2. Midland division: Bridgnorth 3, Leamington 1; Halesowen 3, Grantham 2; Stourbridge 2, Merthyr Tydfil 3. Southern division: Canterbury 0, Corinthians 2; Erith and Belvedere 2, Chatham 0.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon 0, Harrow 3; Slough 1, Bishop's Stortford 0; Windsor and Eton 1, Wycombe 5. First division: Basildon 2, Grays 2: Kingsbury 2, Maidenhead United 0; Leatherhead 0, Leytonstone Ilford 7: Leyton Wingate 2, Oxford City 1; *Staines* 1, Stevenage 0; Wembley 1, Bracknell 1. Second division north: Cheshunt 2, Vauxhall Motors 1; Harlow 1, Hornchurch 1: Hertford 2, Tring 1. Second division south: Chalfont St Peter 2, *Whyteleafe 1;* Chertsey 3, Marlow 1: Metropolitan Police 1, Molesey 1. Southall 0, Horsham 1.
ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Semi-final second replay: Braintree 2, Saffron *Walden 0.*

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury 3, Haverhill 3; Colchester United 0, Tiptree 0: Great Yarmouth 0, Brantham 0; *Harwich and Parkeston 3, Stowmarket 2;* Histon 3, Felixstowe 4; Newmarket 1, March 1; Soham 0, Wisbech 1; Watton 3, Chatteris 1.

ESSEX LEAGUE: *Senior section:* Witham 1,Halstead 0, Woodford 1, Chelmsford 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Wimbledon 1, Chelsea 3.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Barking 2, Heybridge 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Wakefield 26, Roundhay 3.
LONDON UNDER-21 COUNTY **CHAMPIONSHIP:** Hertfordshire 6, Kent 6.

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas on mend

From a Special Correspondent, Delhi

Desmond Douglas, who missed England's last two matches against Hungary and USSR because of fever, was yesterday battling to get fit for what may well be his last serious challenge upon the men's singles title in a world championship.

Douglas is likely to have to survive only one match today, against the Czech's No. 4, Jiri Javorek. If he does, he should play France's Jacques Secretin tomorrow and Sweden's No. 1, Jan-Ove Waldner, on Saturday. That should decide who reaches the last eight.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: A Dennison (Ire) bt N O'Connor (Aus), 21-23, 21-17, 21-13; D McIlroy (Sco) bt A Asare (Ghana), 21-18, 21-16; J Broe (Sco) bt V Bhardwaj (India), 16-21, 21-16, 21-13; J-P Gatien (Fr) bt J Dill (Ire), 21-9, 21-16; J Souter (Eng) bt Z Moualem (Syria), 21-10, 21-6; K Chin Leong (Mal) bt I Stokes (Sco), 21-14, 21-14; V Arunthaipitat (Thai) bt M *Monaghan (Isle of Man), 21-6, 21-14; C Slevin* (Ire) bt M Al Khoder (Saudi Arabia), 24-22, 21-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: K Nemeth *(Hun) and I Stokes (Sco) bt M Della Schiava* (Lux) and D Leroy (Bel), 21-17, 21-18; J Souter (Eng) and N Tyler (Wales) bt F Manneschi and L Nannoni (It), 22-20, 26-28, 21-18; M Khalib and M Al Khoder (Saudi Arabia) bt J Dill and A Dennison (Ire), 21-14, 21-19; L Chin Teong and L Woo Chai (Mal) bt C Holland and M Monaghan (Isle of Man), 21-14, 21-9.
MIXED DOUBLES: First round: John Broe and Janet Smith (Sco) bt Wong Kit U and Wong Iok Tim (Macao), 21-10, 21-10; C Brignardello and Magali Montes (Peru) bt John Broe and Janet Smith (Sco), 21-18, 21-19; Joao Portela and Monica Salgado (Por) bt David McIlroy and Sarah Hurry (Sco), 21-19, 21-17; Khoa Nguyen and Vicky Wong (US) bt Mark *Monaghan and Anna Clague (Isle of Man),* 21-8, 21-13; Harald Schicht and Michaela Zillner (Austria) bt Gary Proctor and Sylvia Kennaugh (Isle of Man), 21-10, 21-15. Second round: Harald Schicht and Michaela Zillner (Aus) bt Gary Proctor and Sylvia Kennaugh (Isle of Man), 21-10, 21-15; Joao Portela and Monica Salgado (Por) bt David McIlroy and Sarah Hurry (Sco), 21-19, 21-16; Nguyen Khoa and Vicky Wong (US) bt Mark Monaghan and Anna Clague (Isle of Man), 21-8, 21-13; Carlos Brignardello and Magali Montes (Peru) bt John Bore and Janet Smith (Sco), 21-18, 21-19.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: L Li Zu (Taiwan) bt A Clague (Isle of Man), 21-7, 21-12; *J Smith (Sco) bt C Khandhokogi (Thai),* 21-11, 21-15; V Wong (US) bt S Kennaugh (Isle of Man), 21-9, 21-9.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

STRATFORD: Chingford League road-race (3 miles): 1, O Arif (North London), 14min 57sec; 2, A Mason (Barnet), 15.07; 3, A Anderson (Haringey), 15.07. Teams: 1, Haringey, 60pts; 2, Barnet, 97; 3, Victoria Park, 147.
HALTON: Representative cross-country race (10km): 1, M Flint (RAF), 31min 15sec; 2, C Speers (RAF), 31.25; 3, M Hickson (British Police), 31.31. Teams: 1, RAF, 28pts; 2, British Police, 99; 3, Fire Services, 105.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP: *semi-finals, second leg: In Zagreb:* Cibona Zagreb (Yug) 109, ASVEL Villeurbanne (Fr) 93 (agg score: 207-175, Cibona qualify for final). In Pesaro: Scavolini Pesaro (It) 99, CSKA Moscow (USSR) 88. (agg score: 204-195: Scavolini Pesaro qualify for final).
UNITED STATES: *National Association* (NBA): Milwaukee Bucks 120, Indiana Pacers 114 (OT): Detroit Pistons 120, New Jersey Nets 112: Portland Trailblazers 122, New York Knicks 109; Chicago Bulls 113, Atlanta Hawks 103: Sacramento Kings 112, San Antonio Spurs 108; Denver Nuggets 134, Houston Rockets 105; Utah Jazz 135, Seattle Supersonics 103; Los Angeles Lakers 97, Phoenix Suns 93.

BIATHLON

LAHTI, Finland: World championships: Women (10km): 1, S Groenlid (Nor), 42min 42.8sec; *2, K Parve (USSR),* 43.31.1; 3, T Vuoksiala (Fin), 44:58.8; 4, P Mattila (Fin), 45.01.4; 5, V Tsernyaova (USSR), 45:06.8; 6, S Bratenturnde (Nor), 46:07.9. Junior men (15km): 1, S Tsepikov (USSR), 51min 45.9sec; 2, F Luck (EG), 52:28.8; 3, R Dietrich (EG), *55:39.5; 4, J-A Tyldum (Nor), 56:36.7; 5, D* Wagner (EG), 56:39.8; 6, F Schmidt (EG), 57:31.8.

CRESTA RUN

HANS BADRUTT CHALLENGE CUP: Final placings: 1, C Bertschinger, (Swit) 1min 39.40sec; 2, M Melcher (Swit), 1.39.78; 3, H Lerner (Austria), 1:41.56; 4, M Pasch (Swit) 1:41.98; 5, G Cattaneo (Swit), 1:43.48; 6, A Boyd-Gibbins, (GB), 1:45.26.

FOOTBALL

ARMY FA: English Fire Services 0, Army 1;

HANDBALL

BOLZANO, Italy: World championships: Men's Third round: Group One: Norway 24, Italy 19. Poland 31, France 22; Soviet Union 30, Romania 22. Group Two: Bulgaria 21, *United States 19. Czechoslovakia 20.* Switzerland 19; West Germany 23. Denmark 17. Consolation Group: Finland 40. Brazil 25. Tunisia 25, Japan 22.

Group One

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	4	0	0	118	78	8
Poland	4	0	0	112	83	8
Romania	2	0	2	93	90	4
Norway	1	0	3	98	111	2
France	1	0	3	86	110	2
Italy	0	0	4	61	94	0

Group Two

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czslovakia	3	1	0	90	79	7
W Germany	3	0	1	92	71	6
Denmark	2	1	1	80	68	5
Switzland	1	1	2	68	73	3
Bulgaria	1	1	2	73	82	3
Utd States	0	0	4	63	93	0

Consolation Group

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Finland	2	0	0	72	48	4
Japan	1	0	1	45	41	2
Tunisia	1	0	1	48	54	2
Brazil	0	0	2	41	63	0

HOCKEY

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Manchester University 0, Leeds University 2.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Army singles championships: Quarter-finals: 2nd Lt S Segrave (IG) bt Maj N Polley (14/20H) 18-13, 15-2, 15-8. Maj D Read-Felstead (RHG/D) bt Capt G de Lotbiniere (15/19H) 15-6, 15-0, 17-14.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Army singles championships: Second round: Maj C Braithwaite (15/19H) bt 2nd Lt J Daly (17/21L), 13-6; Lt Col P Watts (RAEC) *bt Lt Col A Drew* (RGJ), 13-5. *Inter-regimental doubles: Quarter-finals:* Lt A Maxwell and Col C Vyvyan (RGJ) bt Maj R Thornely and Capt M Chitty (QRIH), 13-4. Combined Services (Past and present) doubles: Quarter-finals: M Nicholls and P Nicholls bt Capt M Joynson (SG) and J English, 12-6; *D Warburg and M Glover bt* Watts and Braithwaite, 11-6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STUDENT MATCH: Liverpool University 22, Edgehill College 20.

RUGBY UNION

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Manchester University 23, Birmingham University 26.

SKIING

ROSSLAND: Canadian championships: Women's downhill: 1, L Savijarvi, 1min 33.01sec; 2, K Percy, 1:33.06; 3, L Graham, *1:33.96.*

TENNIS

LEADING MEN'S GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 1,247pts; 2, Y Noah (Fr), 505; 3, P Cash (Aus), 500; 4, B Becker (WG), 5, W Masur (Aus), 484; 6, M Mecir (Cz), 456; 7, T Mayotte (US), 455; 8, I Lendl (Cz), 350; 9, J McEnroe (US), 307; *10, J Connors (US), 272;* 11, K Evernden (NZ), 218; 12, A Jarryd (Swe), 209.

CROYDON: LTA Satellite Masters tournament: Quarter-finals: M Tauson (Den) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; L Wahlgren (Swe) bt D Engel (Swe), 7-6, 7-6; M Woodforde (Aus) bt F Sauer (Neth), 6-3, 1-6, 6-0; S Shaw (GB) bt P Pech (Fr), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

WINTER GAMES

NORDIC SKIING (At Strbske Pleso, Czechoslovakia): Women's 3x5km team relay: 1, *Czechoslovakia, 41min 38.1sec, 2, USSR,* at 3sec; 3, Poland, at 40.2; 4, Romania, at 2:05.9; 5, Italy, at 2:12.2; 6, US, at 3:16.7; 7, China, at 3:20.6.

ICE HOCKEY: (at Poprad, Czechoslovakia): Group A: Canada 6, China 3; USSR 16, S Korea 2. Group B: Czechoslovakia 16, Finland 1: Yugoslavia 3, N Korea 3. Final placings: Group A: 1, USSR, played 3, 6pts; 2, Canada, 3, 4; 3, China, 3, 2; 4, S Korea, 3, 0. Group B: Czechoslovakia, played 4, 8pts; 2, Finland, 4, 5; 3, N Korea, 4, 2; 3, Yugoslavia, 4, 1.

SKIING (at Jasna, Czechoslovakia): Women's downhill: 1, L Milanova (Cz), 1min 22.90sec; 2, S Vanett (US), 1:25.07; 3, E Pfosl (US), 1:25.83; 4, M Hojstrova (Cz), 1:26.32; 5, M Kolatkova (Cz), 1:26.36; 6, D Byrne (US) 1:26.46. British placings: 11, S Harrison, 1:28.01; 15, M Langmuir, 1:29.1. Men's downhill: 1, P Jurko (Cz), 1:29.58; 2, A Nencetti (It), 1:30.64; 3, O Fortschert (Swit), 1:30.75; 4, P Zurcher (Swit), 1:30.77; 5, W Luthi (Switz) 1:30.83; 6, M Biros (Cz), 1:30.88.

RUGBY UNION

Forty players take field in chase for 15 national places

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

England Students........ 20
The Rest 16

England Students selectors will meet on March 13 to choose the *combined team* which will play Welsh Students in April, by which time they will have been able to watch both the UAU final and the British polytechnics final as well as this somewhat disjointed trial at *Grange Road,* Cambridge yesterday.

It was won by the more fancied side by a goal, two tries and two penalty goals to four tries, an interesting scoreline which reflected some incisive running by the junior side from broken play.

But how many of the 40 players who took part in an *extended match will make* the team at Cardiff is problematical: players of the quality of Webb, Clough, Oti, Risman and several others withdrew from the trial, which may have shown a certain perception on their part.

England Students founded their success on their forwards. The front row held firm, driving back the rest consistently at the set scrums.

Kuhn, the London Irishman, organized and led his backs well and it was a pity when, in the second half, he was moved from stand-off half to full back. Thereafter we saw little of Laity, the Cornishman, and it was the Rest midfield which took the eye.

The large number of changes in the second half disrupted any *rhythm* established in the first, England Students having led 16-8 at the interval. Kuhn cut through neatly but the Rest's cause was materially *assisted* by Vessey's interception *of* Laity's deliberate pass for the first of his *two tries.*

The introduction of Beytell at scrum half for the Rest added zest to their attack and his well-timed pass put Kennell away for a try. Beytell also scored the final try himself, Kennell and Swan having helped in the build-up, but Kuhn's exploitation of a tapped penalty to send Laity over had already made the senior side safe.

SCORERS: England Students: Tries: Billington, Kuhn, Laity. Conversion: Laity. Penalties: Laity (2). The Rest: Tries: *Vessey* (2), Kennell, Beytell.
ENGLAND STUDENTS: M Aris (Leeds Univ); C Howard (Loughborough Univ), P Reed (Sheffield Poly), C Laity (South Glam Inst), J Perkins (Bristol Univ); R Kuhn (Kingston Poly, capt), *M Hancock* (Loughborough Univ); A Roda (South Glamorgan Inst), J McFarland (Sheffield Poly), A Mullins (Durham Univ), S Parker (London Univ), J Green (South Glamorgan Inst), S O'Leary (St Mary's Hosp), P Billington (Liverpool Poly), C Vyvian (Royal College of Agriculture, Cirencester).
THE REST: K Wyles (Cambridge); R Vessey (Oxford), R Rydon (Oxford), W Carling (Durham), D Kennell (Bradford); A Johnson (Oxford), D Choules (Leeds Poly); D Nunn (Leicester Poly), M Humphreys-Evans (Nottigham), A Hewett (Sheffield Poly), N McBain (Oxford), J Swan (Liverpool Univ), *M Reid* (Loughborough), S Holmes (East Anglia, captain), D Thrasher (Oxford).
Referee: P Wakefield (London).
ALSO PLAYED: S Wordsley (Cardiff), N Beytell (St Paul's Cheltenham), D Holdstock (Thames Poly), C Allen (Loughborough) A Sutton (Loughborough), C Mann (London), S Shortland (Leeds Poly), *S Kelly (Cambridge),* C Sheasby (King's London), A Bick (St Paul's Cheltenham).

Navy sink lively Police

By Peter Marson

Royal Navy........ 12
Metropolitan........ 6

Ideally the Royal Navy would have enjoyed laying on a special feast for Alan Grimsdell, the president of the Rugby Football Union at Burnaby Road, Portsmouth yesterday, but the Metropolitan Police proved redoubtable adversaries and the Navy were hard put to it to run *up their seventh victory in* seven matches by two goals to two penalty goals.

Elliott's tap down at the first lineout and a good drive by the forwards meant the Police were soon encamped in their 22 and aligned in defence. Here, Livingstone had twice set his sights for goal yet seen the ball drift across the face of the goal.

His third attempt, though, a conversion from half-way out on the left, after Hughes had put the finishing touch to a wheel at *a scrummage* on the line with a try, was altogether a better judged effort. But, the Navy, and more particularly, Woodcock and *Elliott, had problems in the* middle of the lineout.

Even though they had plenty of possession the problem for the Police was distribution. Had the place-kickers made a better job of plotting the course of a tricky wind, then the Police might have taken some catching.

As it was, they turned round three points down before drawing up alongside the Navy midway through the second period. That, though, brought out the *best in the Navy's pack and at a* scrummage outside the line Hughes picked up and stormed over to score his second try.

SCORERS: Royal Navy: Tries: Hughes (2). Conversions: Whittington (2). Metropolitan Police: Penalty goals: Sinclair, Merter.
ROYAL NAVY: MEM F Boon *(Dolphin);* POPT R Penfold (Raleigh), Lt C Alcock (Seahawk), LMEA A Kellett (Sultan), Mid M Speakman (BRNC, Dartmouth); Cpl R Roger (Whittington 40 Cdo RM), Marine P Livingstone *(RM Deal);* Sgt J Martin (CTC RM), CPO D Chislett (Hermes), PO S Lord (Seahawk), Cpl M Hewitt (CTC RM), PO P Elliott (Seahawk), LAEM B Woodcock (Daedalus), Sgt M Reece (CTC RM), Lt S Hughes *(DNR Derby).*
METROPOLITAN POLICE: N Sinclair; S O'Reilly, R Lennard, S Trail, J Bailey; A Mercer, D Hance; J Walls, M Maskell, D Barham, N Evans, P de Lacy, S Dear, F Michie, P Turner.

Old foes in nostalgic farewell

By Michael Stevenson

Cowley HS........ 20
West Park HS........ 13

In injury time at Hard Lane yesterday Cowley were leading their old friends and rivals, West Park, 14-13 when the West Park pack collapsed a scrum in a clear pushover situation. The consequent penalty try was converted and Cowley had won by two goals and two tries to a goal, a try and a penalty.

It was a nostalgic final meeting between the schools in a fixture that has been held and enjoyed since the 1930s. Educational reorganization will cause West Park to become an 11-16 establishment, called De la Salle HS and it seems probable that the glories of West Park rugby may soon be a thing of the past.

It was not a vintage contest but one of honest endeavour in which the West Park backs, spearheaded by the admirable Mulligan, sometimes had the edge. Cowley commanded territorially and, given more efficient scrummaging and better timing of passes in the backs, might have won convincingly.

West Park led through Mulligan's only penalty but immediately Wilkinson jinked over for a fine try for Cowley: it was Mulligan's break and then perfectly-timed pass that put Bond in for West Park's first try. Mulligan's conversion made it 9-4 at half-time.

Early in the second half fierce pressure brought reward for Cowley, when A Dalferro took Rignall's pass to score. Gallagher converted and the lead at once changed hands agains, as a break by Melia created a second try for Bond to put West Park 13-10 up.

J Dalferro, the twin brother of the previous scorer, picked up and raced in for a crucial try.

SCORERS: Cowley: Tries: Wilkinson, A Dalferro, J Dalferro; Penalty try: Conversions: Wilkinson (2). West Park: Tries: Bond (2). Penalty and conversion: *Mulligan.*
COWLEY HS: K Gallagher; A Dalferro, D Price, J Rignall, J Dalferro; P Wilkinson, I Mackus; D Yates, S Ashton, P Forsythe, A Clarke, J Moses, N Houghton, P Carlisle, *C Davies.*
WEST PARK HS: S Bond; M Callaghan, P Mulligan, M Melia, P Logue; M Kerr, M Emmett; P Houlton, S Keenaghan, T Jackson, S Liptrot, D Greenall, J Kenny, S Palfrey, M Lawrenson.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Official backlash after Bradford fire judgement

Rugby League Diary by Keith Macklin

The apportionment of blame by the courts for the consequences of the Bradford City fire disaster could have serious implications for Rugby League clubs. Officials are already concerned over what they feel is "the bankrupting of clubs by petty-minded officials sitting behind desks".

Since the Safety of Sports Grounds Act was passed following the Bradford disaster, local government officers have become, in the *opinion of League* officials, obsessed with safety to such an extent that they are imposing the most ludicrous and costly repairs on clubs which cannot afford them.

The secretary-general of the Rugby League, David Oxley, says that these officials are so afraid of being held responsible for any future fire or accident at grounds that they are *sticking to* the strict letter of the Act to an absurd degree. He points out several instances.

Hull Kingston *Rovers* were instructed to strengthen a wall near the greyhound track. Having spent a lot of money on this they were then instructed to build another wall, again at considerable expense, to prevent people *putting too much* weight on the strengthened wall.

Oldham are likely to have to close their grandstand for expensive repairs and will lose thousands of pounds in income. Blackpool Borough, having been told to spend £65,000 on essential safety repairs, appealed to their local council for help, were denied it, and as a result have had to leave their own ground and play at Blackpool Football Club's ground, with a considerable loss of social club and car parking receipts, and no improvement in attendances.

Dewsbury recently had a plum Challenge Cup tie with St Helens which would have poured much-needed cash into a struggling club, but because *of* safety restrictions *the* attendance was reduced to just over 3,000 from the 7,000 Dewsbury could have housed.

Even a glamour club like Wigan have not escaped the attentions of the bureaucrats. After accommodating attendances of up to 30,000 for international and League games, the club had to cut back to 12,000 while crush barriers which had stood the test of time were repaired. With Wigan holding the status of the best-*supported and biggest-spending* club in the League, the resultant loss of income was astronomical.

Rugby League officials state categorically that they are not opposed to the principle of making grounds safer. They oppose totally what they believe are petty-minded and over-reacting instructions which are expensive, unnecessary and so *financially* crippling to *hard-up* clubs that the only way some lesser clubs will survive is by moving grounds or merging.

David Oxley, intends to get in touch with the Home Office as a matter of urgency. He will ask them to provide *sensible* and practical instructions on the observance of the Act to the "frightened little men" of the *local authorities.*

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

Caught in a web of violence: John Lynch and Helen Mirren in Cal (Ch4, 9pm)

Prisoner's words of courage

CHOICE

● "It brought out the best and worst in men . . . It gave us an insight into life that few men get," says a survivor of a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. A War Story (Channel 4, 10.55pm) is distinguished by its personal perspective. Anne Wheeler never heard her father talk of the war while she was growing up and read the diary he kept secretly during captivity (for which he could have been shot) only after his death. Her film is partly her journey of discovery, partly a testament to her father's courage, and deftly blends documentary footage, dramatic reconstruction, interviews and home movies.

● Matters of loyalty inform two other programmes today. **40 Minutes** (BBC2, 9.30pm) considers the consolations offered by membership of a bike gang like the Sons of Silence: power of intimidation, patriotism, camaraderie, the freedom of the road. For nine days a year a quiet town in South Dakota is invaded by 50,000 bikers, who consider themselves the inheritors of the legacy of the Old West. Despite much talk of freedom, most emerge as rigid, narrow-minded bigots.

● Cal (Channel 4, 9pm) has a clever central idea. A young man indirectly responsible for another's death is drawn to the widow. This being set in Northern Ireland, what emerges is a story of muddied loyalties. The bleakly alien look of things is rather contradicted by Mark Knopfler's familiar score, but the film is good on the subject of war fatigue and the performances of Helen Mirren, John Lynch and Ray McAnally help hold it together.

Chris Petit

● *Peter Davalle writes:* This week's much-reported court action involving an unborn baby heightens the topicality of Tony Butler's play **Mary and the Birthday** (Radio 4, 3pm), which, although it examines abortion through a psychological and not a legalistic lens, is similarly rooted in the claim made by some women that they have the right to control their own bodies. The play is irritatingly marred by the actors' over-use of hesitancy to suggest tension. Too many radio plays suffer from this disease these days. . . Musical highlight on Radio 3 is Mozart's Opera Die Entführung aus dem Serail.

Praying for peace: Troubles mount for Richard Briers at his new parish. All In Good Faith (ITV, 8.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.55 Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and trafic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**

8.40 Junior Watchdog. Consumer advice for children **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather **9.05 Day to Day.** With Robert Kilroy-Silk. **9.45 Advice Shop.** News for people planning retirement.

10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Programme news. **10.30 Play School. 10.50 The Wombles.** (r)

10.55 Five to Eleven. Hugh Dickson with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Food and Drink.** (r) **11.35 Open Air.** Includes news and weather at 12.00.

12.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from Aviemore. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25 Neighbours.** Wendy prepares herself for her date with Danny. **1.50 The Flumps.** (r)

2.05 Film: Viva Las Vegas (1964) starring Elvis Presley and Ann-Margaret. Musical about a singer who dreams of making a fortune to finance his hopes of driving in the Las Vegas Grand Prix. Directed by George Sidney **3.25 The Bugs Bunny Mystery Special.** (r)

3.50 Fingermouse. (r) **4.05 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky.** (r) **4.10 SuperTed.** (r) **4.20 Jackanory.** David Suchet with part four of Emil and the Detectives, by Erich Kastner **4.35 Thundercats.**

4.55 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter includes an important announcement for those viewers who want to help the people of Mozambique; and two, genuinely wheelchair-bound, new members of the cast of Grange Hill who make their first appearance in tomorrow's episode. (Ceefax)

5.35 Celebrity First Class. A team representing Grange Hill challenge the winners of the video quiz.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Top of the Pops.

7.30 EastEnders. Carmel gives Mary and Dot some good advice. (Ceefax)

8.00 Tomorrow's World includes an aid for deer farmers, developed by a Bodmin farmer; the latest in home insulation; the truck of the future; and news of a new strain of wheat that can grow on salty land.

8.30 A Question of Sport. Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Virginia Leng, Anne Hobbs, Kriss Akabusi, and Trevor Francis. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. Burglary is tonight's topic, and viewers are asked to help investigations into a range of recent break-ins; and there is advice on how to make your home safer from thieves.

10.10 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Alistair Graham, Bernie Grant, Angela Rumbold, and Anne Sofer.

11.10 Film 87 includes reviews of Children of a Lesser God, and Gothic.

11.40 Crimewatch Update.

11.50 By-Election Special. The result and analysis of the Greenwich by-election.

2.30 Weather.

Two-wheeled hell-rasiers: Muck, one of 50,000 bikers who take over a small South Dakota town every year. 40 Minutes (BBC2, 9.30pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Levels of Meaning. Ends at **7.20.**

9.00 Ceefax.

9.35 Daytime on Two: basic German conversation skills **9.52** Sex education for eight- to 10-year-olds **10.15** Science - patterns **10.38** History: Stalin and the modernisation of Russia **11.00** Thinkabout **11.18** Tutorial Topics - lost on the moors, and Asian girl **11.40** Teenagers talk about the pleasures and nightmares of leaving home.

12.00 Ceefax 12.12 The change in Motherwell's industrial scene over the past century **12.32 Ceefax 12.45** Science: food and population **1.05** Beginners' French course **1.38** A profile of master mariner, Robert Thomas **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** Roads and bridges **2.15** Musical clocks

2.35 In the Making. The process of making a bell as perfected by the craftsmen of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. (r)

3.00 News and weather.

3.03 Antiques Roadshow from Carlisle. (r) (Ceefax)

3.50 News, regional news, and weather.

4.00 Pamela Armstrong.

4.35 A Taste of Ulster. Derek Davis visits the Fermanagh Lakeland and samples unusual trout. (First shown on BBC Northern Ireland)

5.05 My Music. (r)

5.30 Film 87 includes reviews of Children of a Lesser God, and Gothic.

6.00 Mission Impossible. The team is charged with recovering *microfilm plans for* manipulating foreign gold reserves. (r)

6.50 International Pro-Celebrity Golf. Tony Jacklin and Gary Player are joined over nine selected holes of the Ailsa Course, Turnberry, by Bobby Charlton and Ted Dexter.

7.40 Call My Bluff. Word knowledge-game introduced by Robert Robinson.

8.10 Chronicle: Life and Death in Ancient Egypt. A follow-up to the programme shown six years ago, in which Dr Rosalie David led a team that unwrapped and examined a mummy, filmed in Egypt and Manchester. (r)

9.00 The Mistress. The *final* programme of the Carla Lane comedy series.

9.30 40 Minutes: Bad Blood. A documentary following a group of bikers known as the Sons of Silence. (see Choice)

10.10 Phil Silvers' Sergeant Bilko hits a winning gambling streak when he wants to lose. (r)

10.35 Newsnight 11.20 Weather.

11.25 Ludwig van Beethoven. Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano Sonata No 16, Op 31 No 1.

11.50 Open University: Weekend Outlook **11.55** Nuclear Weapons - Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Ends at **12.25.**

ITV LONDON

6.15 TV-am introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**

7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and postbag at **8.35.** At **9.05,** Wacaday presented by Timmy Mallett.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Schools: how paper is made and some of its uses **9.42** Grace Hallworth with the story of *Anansi's Secret* **9.54** Foot care **10.11** A film to stimulate creative work **10.28** Culture clashes for Asians living in Britain **11.03** Making faces with Ralph Steadman **11.20** How aircraft can be controlled **11.37** How We Used to Live: motor hill climbing.

12.00 Creepy Crawlies. (r) **12.10 Puddle Lane.** Puppet series, with Neil Innes **12.30 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news 1.30 Falcon Crest.** Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine business **2.25 Home Cookery Club.** Pancake Surprise.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on abortion. Among those taking part are Wendy Savage, Diane Munday, and John Havard **3.00 Frocks on the Box.** A what to wear series presented by Marie Helvin and Muriel Gray **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 The Raggy Dolls 4.10 Batfink. (r) **4.20 The Wind in the Willows.** Fire at Toad Hall **4.45 The Blunders.** Cartoon series about an accident-prone family, narrated by Frankie Howerd. (r) **4.50 The Book Tower.** The last programme of the series. (Oracle)

5.15 Connections. Quiz game for sixth formers, presented by Sue Robbie.

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news**

6.25 Help! Benefit of the Month: Sickle Cell.

6.35 Crossroads.

7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Matt and Dolly go to the army camp to collect Graham.

7.30 Never the Twain. Comedy series starring Donald Sinden and windsor Davies as rival antique dealers. Tonight, they look forward to a bachelor life when their respective children leave for Canada. (r) (Oracle)

8.00 This Week: Reagan's Heroes. On the day of the publication of the Tower Commission report, an investigation into the White House's private secret service

8.30 All in Good Faith. The first of a new comedy series starring Richard Briers as a country vicar who changes his parish for an inner city church. Tonight, a homeless couple dump themselves on his doorstep, asking for shelter for the night. (Oracle)

9.00 L.A.Law. Drama series set in the offices of a Los Angeles law firm. Starring Harry Hamlin.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Fashion '87. The finals of the biggest student fashion competition to be held in Britain. Sixty top fashion students display their *creations - for both men and* women.

11.00 Snooker. The first semifinal of the Dulux British Open, introduced by Dickie Davies.

12.10 The Greenwich By-Election. The result and analysis of the figures, presented by Alastair Burnet. Followed by **Night Thoughts** at approximately **12.45.**

Women with the legal touch: Ann Kelsey (Jill Eikenberry) and Abby Perkins (Michele Greene) in L. A. Law (ITV, 9pm)

CHANNEL 4

1.45 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Presented by Jackie Ashley.

2.00 Snooker. The first semifinal of the Dulux British Open, introduced by Dickie Davies from the Assembly Rooms, Derby. On the commentators' panel are John Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds, and Mark Wildman

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the fast moving words and numbers game, introduced by Richard Whiteley, assisted in the dictionary corner by Gyles Brandreth.

5.00 Film: The Whole Truth* (1958) starring Stewart Granger, Donna Reed, and George Sanders. Thriller in which a film producer is framed for the murder of his actress mistress. Directed by John Guillermin.

6.00 Union World. A film report from Glasgow on the 'Work-in' by 400 workers from five unions at the Caterpillar Corporation plant. With Trevor Hyett and Mike Walsh.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen, includes a report from the Church of England Synod which today decided whether or not to allow the ordination of women priests.

7.50 Comment followed by **Weather.**

8.00 Treasure Hunt. Alan Reid, deputy headmaster of a special school, and Carole Freeman, a psychiatric nurse, both from Nottinghamshire, send a breathless Anneka Rice whirling and sqeaking over the Cornish countryside in search of hidden treasure. In the studio, Kenneth Kendall keeps a sense of proportion. (Oracle)

9.00 Film on Four: Cal (1984) starring Helen Mirren and John Lynch. Romantic drama, set against the the troubles in Northern Ireland, about a young man who falls for the widow of the RUC policeman he helped to murder after reluctantly agreeing to be the getaway driver in an IRA ambush. Directed by Pat O'Connor. (Oracle) (see Choice)

10.55 A War Story. A Canadian-made drama documentary, narrated by Donald Sutherland, in tribute to a Canadian doctor, Ben Wheeler, who was interned in Japanese prisoner of war camps from 1942 to 1946 during which time his skills and personality helped to save the lives of hundreds of his fellow prisoners. The film is made by the doctor's daughter, Anne. (see Choice)

12.20 Their Lordships' House. Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Ends at **12.35.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today. **6.35-7.00** Gardening Club. **11.50-11.55** News and Weather **11.55** By-Election Special (joining BBC1) **SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster. **6.35-7.00** Snooker — Taylor Made **8.30-9.00** Spotlight. **11.50-11.55** News and weather **11.55** By-Election Special (joining BBC1) **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 **WALES: 11.00am-11.15** Gweld A Siarad

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00-7.30** Bygones Special **11.30-11.00** Folio **12.40** Peruvian Connection, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Hotel **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **10.30** The McCalmans **12.40** Close-

CENTRAL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Contact **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00-6.35** News **10.30-11.00** Central Lobby **12.40am** Jobfinder **1.40** Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **7.30-8.00** Brothers McGregor **10.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30-12.10am** Snooker, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30**Randall and Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **7.00-7.30** Grampian Sheepdog Trials **10.30-11.00** Short Story **12.40am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This Is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **10.30** End of Empire **11.30-12.00am** Snooker **12.45** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **6.00-6.35** News **10.30** West This Week **10.55-11.00** Weekend Outlook **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **11.03am-11.18** It's In Wales **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six **10.30-11.00** Wales This Week.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm-2.30** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Look Who's Talking **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today **7.00-7.30** Paul Cola Show **10.30-11.00** Scottish Report **12.40am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Quincy **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** Today South West **6.30** Action South West **6.35** Amoebas to Zebras **7.05-8.00** Highway to Heaven **10.30-11.00** Inter-Pub 87 **12.40am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **7.30-8.00** Brothers McGregor **10.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30-12.10am** Snooker **12.40** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.30** Craftsmen of the Minster **12.40am** People and Places, **Closedown.**

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.30-4.00** Bygonnes **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25** Police Six **10.30-11.00** Counterpoint **12.40am** Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20** News **1.30** Carson's Law **2.25-2.30** Help Yourself **6.00-6.35** Calendar **10.30-11.00** Tales from the Darkside **12.40am** Jobfinder **1.40** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Ysgolion **11.45** Interval **12.45pm** Beyond Belief **1.15** World Alive Spain **1.45** Their Lordships' House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Snooker **4.05** Ffalabalam **4.20** Athro Amser **4.25** Hafoc **5.00** Abbott and Costello Show* **5.30** Education Extra **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Moneyspinner **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Goreuon Rosalind A Myrddin **8.00** Ffermio **8.30** **Dinas** 9.05 **Hano Hano** 10.20 **Hill Street Blues** 11.15 **Up Line** 12.10am **Closedown.**

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)

News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then **10.00** and **12.00** midnight

5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies from Canterbury **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** Bolan at the Beeb **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw.

VHF Stereo radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As *Radio 1* **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave . Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Sports Desks 6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55.

4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Nicholas Parsons 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Wally Whyton 9.00 Rhythm and Blues 10.00 Pull the Other One! 10.30 Star Sound Cinema 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am Patrick Lunt 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Sing Gospel 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News. Look Ahead 9.45 Technologies for the 21st Century 10.00 News 10.01 Just a Little Ol' Tune 10.30 After Henry 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 A Letter from England 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Patrick Martyn's Music Box 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Nashville Cats 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Assignment 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from England (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News 8.30 Business Matters 9.00 News 9.01 Book Choice 9.05 In the Meantime 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From England 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.30 Masterpiece in Miniature 11.40 The Farming world 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Patrick Martyn's Music Box 1.45 Book Choice 1.50 In The Meantime 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Zoowalk – Berlin 2.30 Puccini and his World 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Business Matters 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Country Style 5.45 The World Today. All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only). The Teachers' Dispute.

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Morning Concert. Weber, arr Berlioz, Invitation to the dance (Berlin PO under Herbert von Karajan); Bartok, Romanian Folk Dances (Orpheus Chamber Orchestra); Handel, Ballet music: Terpsichore (English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner); Rimsky-Korsakov, Ballet suite: Mlada (SNO under Neeme Jarvi).

8.00 News

8.05 Morning Concert (cont). Berlioz, Overture: King Lear, Op 4 (SNO under Sir Alexander Gibson); Biber, Epiphany Cantata (Feast of Three Kings); Delibes, Ballet music: Le roi s'amuse (RPO under Thomas Beecham); Bernstein, Divertimento for orchestra (Israel PO under the composer).

9.00 World Service News

9.10 This Week's Composer. Borodin: the debt of gratitude. Petite Suite (Anthony Goldstone, piano), and String Quartet No 2, in D (Fitzwilliam String Quartet).

10.05 Hamilton Harty. Fantasy: in Ireland, for flute, harp and orchestra; Variations on a Dublin air, for violin and orchestra. Ulster Orchestra under Bryden Thomson.

10.35 Hungarian Piano Music. Paul Searle-Barnes plays Dohnanyi's Rhapsody in C, Op 11 No 3; Liszt's En rêve; Valée d'Obermann; Dohnanyi's Ruralia Hungarica, Op 32a; No 5, in A; No 2, in G minor.

11.05 Six Continents. Foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC.

11.25 Paganini and Giuliani. Jean-Jacques Kantorow (violin) and Anthea Gifford (guitar) play Paganini's Cantabile and valtz, and Giuliani's Sonata, Op 25.

12.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under James Loughran, plays Beethoven's Overture and ballet music: The Creatures of Prometheus, and Thomas Wilson's Symphony No 2.

1.00 News

1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert. Live recital by the Fairfield Quartet. Bartok, String Quartet No 2, Op 17; Beethoven, String Quartet in F minor, Op 95.

2.00 Die Entfuhrung aus dem Serail. Mozart's opera, sung in German on records, conducted by Nikolaus Harnoncourt. Cast includes Peter Schreier, Matti Salminen and Yvonne Kenny (includes interval readings at 2.40 and 3.50).

4.40 Peter Donohoe (piano) plays Ravel's Sonatine; Jeux d'eau.

5.00 World Service News

5.10 Mainly for Pleasure, presented by Graham Fawcett.

6.25 Bandstand. Murray International Whitburn Brass Band under Peter Parkes plays Vinter's James Cook, Circumnavigator, and Holst's A Moorside Suite.

6.55 News

7.00 Hindemith and Schoenberg. Esther Glazer (violin) and Martin Jones (piano) play Hindemith's Sonata in D, Op 11 No 2, and Schoenberg's Fantasy, Op 47.

7.30 Haydn: The Creation. Live from the Town Hall, Birmingham. Simon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. With Margaret Marshall (soprano), Philip Langridge (tenor) and David Thomas (bass). Part one.

8.10 The Church in Argentina. Second of two talks by the Rev Dr Edward Norman.

8.30 The Creation (parts 2 and 3).

9.45 The Last Appointment, by Douglas Eves, read by Alec McCowen.

10.00 Music in Our Time. Specially commissioned by The Fires of London. Richard Emsley, From swerve of shore to bend of bay; Philip Grange, Variations (first broadcasts).

11.00 First Night. John Elson reviews Kathie and the Hippopotamus, by Mario Vargas Llosa, at the Almeida Theatre, London.

11.10 Schubert. The Stuttgart Piano Trio plays Schubert's Piano Trio in E flat (D 929).

11.57 News

Radio 4

On Long wave (s) stereo on VHF.

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer For The Day (s)

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather, Travel.

9.00 News

9.05 Face the Facts. John Waite and his team of investigators tackle injustice, fraud, abuse of power and inept bureaucracy.

9.30 The Natural History Programme. Fergus Keeling and Lionel Kelleway look at the problems faced by fish and the animals associated with them.

10.00 News; Medicine Now. Geoff Watts examines the health of medical care.

10.30 Morning Story. Out From Under, by Pam Whittington, read by Patricia Hayes.

10.45 An Act of Worship (s)

11.00 News; Travel; Analysis. Ian Davidson chairs a discussion on the issues arising from the Iran-Iraq war, now in its seventh year.

11.48 More for Love than Money. It's a Bit Like Aladdin's Cave . . . Lyn Ten Kate talks to Doris and Anne, who work in Oxfam shops.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with John Howard.

12.27 The Milligan Papers. The Incurables, part 1 (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One. News

1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Sue MacGregor. Jenny Devitt reports on the history and the current research of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, which celebrates its centenary this year.

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. Mary and the Birthday, by Tony Butler. The difficult consequences of a woman's choice between her career and having a baby (s)

4.00 News

4.05 Bookshelf. Presented by Susan Hill.

4.35 Kaleidoscope. Repeat of last night's edition.

5.00 PM News Magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 The Six O'Clock News

6.30 My Music. Steve Race tests the musical knowledge of Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden and Ian Wallace (s)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Any Answers. John Timpson sifts through listeners' responses to last week's Any Questions?

7.40 An Ever Closer Union. A look at the European Community through portraits of its members. 6: Italy — From the Alps to Africa.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners and their families.

9.30 Barry Fantoni's Chinese Horoscopes. Barry Fantoni tries to test the accuracy of the Oriental animal signs.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes the play Lady Day at the Donmar Warehouse, New Faces at the National Portrait Gallery and television's Heart of the Country.

10.15 A Book At Bedtime. Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert (9) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News; Weather; Greenwich By-election Special, with Shirley Williams, Bryan Gould and John Biffin.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **9.05-10.45** For Schools: **9.05** Preview **9.08** Together — An Assembly for Schools (s) **9.30** Secondary English (11-14) (s) **9.55** First Steps in Drama (s) **10.15** Something to Think About **10.25** Country Dancing Stage 2. **11.00-12.00 1.55-3.00** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** The Song Tree (s) **2.20** Living Language **2.40** Newscast. **5.50-5.55** PM (continued). **11.30** Open University. **11.30** The Plebs' League **12.10am** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting.

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Anderton steps in to save Wigan home advantage

By Ian Smith

Chief Constable James Anderton intervened in the Wigan FA Cup tie venue dispute yesterday to save the Wembley dream of fans at his home town football club.

He over-ruled attempts by other Greater Manchester senior police officers to have the quarter-final match between Wigan Athletic and Leeds United, the most important game in the *third division* club's history, switched to a neutral ground as Springfield Park holds only 12,500 people.

The Football Association later confirmed that the match would go ahead on March 15 at noon. It will be an all-ticket game, as are all Leeds away games. A hooligan fringe of so-called Leeds "fans" are among the most infamous trouble-makers in British football and it was feared they would use subterfuge to gatecrash the match with the intention of sparking terrace violence.

Both the FA and local council backed Wigan directors' demands that they maintain their home ground advantage.

Mr Anderton, a Wigan miner's son who is president of the Association of Chief Police Officers and chairman of its sub-committee on football *hooliganism*, was confident that any crowd control problem would be efficiently controlled. "The police are now, and always have been, quite capable of policing football matches. It is unfortunate that the intentions of the force on this particular occasion were misunderstood," said the Greater Manchester Chief Constable.

Bill Kenyon, the Wigan chairman, who had already pledged to seek the backing of Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, to safeguard the home fixture, was last night jubilant. He said: "We have been talking about the bother-boys and trouble-makers when we should have been concentrating on the match.

"We now want to concentrate on what we should have been doing on Monday: arranging the most important game in our club history. For our loyal fans the match is their Wembley.

"Our feelings towards the police have not soured and I hope the good relationship that has always existed between us will not now change because of what has happened. Everyone hopes those hooligans who are still polishing their toecaps in anticipation of enjoying more trouble will be stopped in their tracks."

Kenyon added that it was hoped a television company would screen the game so Leeds supporters would watch the quarter-final at home, instead of arriving at the ground without tickets. Only 2,000 tickets have been allocated to the Leeds club.

The compromise was thrashed out at a meeting at Springfield Park yesterday afternoon. Present at the meeting were Chief Constable Anderton, Kenyon, Leslie Silver, of Leeds, plus representatives of the FA, Wigan local authority, Wigan Chamber of Trade and directors of both clubs.

The meeting lasted less than an hour and the two chairmen beamed broadly, obviously doing their cheerful best to defuse any suspected feelings of anonymosity which might spread to Leeds' notorious supporters.

Silver repeated earlier assurances that the Leeds allocation of tickets would be distributed according to a well-tried vetting system. Season ticket-holders and members of the official supporters' club would obviously receive priority. The chances of trouble-makers receiving tickets appears to be minimal.

Kenyon said: "We are very happy. It was our home tie *and we are determined to* stage it."

A notable double was recorded in the opening day of the Oxford Torpids yesterday when 28-year-old Alexandra "Za Za" Horne became not only the first woman to row in the men's first divisions of Torpids but also helped her crew to rise to third place when they bumped Christ Church (Jim Railton writes).

Although Miss Horne, seen above during yesterday's race, is a postgraduate at St Anthony's College, she was given special permission to row for the Pembroke first eight on Tuesday evening by the Oxford University Boat Club committee in charge of the organization of Torpids.

In the past, members of colleges have been allowed "associate membership" of other colleges in order to row, but this is normally in the lower divisions.

Miss Horne was a member of last year's winning Oxford women's Boat Race crew and is presently a member of the British women's national squad preparing for the world championships in Copenhagen.

Pembroke's stroke Neil Pratt was ruled unfit, and Miss Horne was invited to row at two. While Oriel as head crew rowed over yesterday Pembroke chased Christ Church hard and bumped them just before the finish. Keble lie today between Miss Horne's crew and Oriel. Yesterday's performance was quite an achievement for a woman in what is normally a men's world.

Knowles resists Taylor's rally

By Sydney Friskin

Tony Knowles moved into the semi-finals of the Dulux British Open snooker tournament at Derby yesterday but had to resist a stubborn challenge from Dennis Taylor before emerging a 5-4 winner.

Regaining the grip he had temporarily lost, Knowles made a break of 42 in the eighth frame to overhaul Taylor but a clearance to the pink enabled Taylor to level at 4-4. In the deciding frame a break of 54 by Knowles tipped the scales in his favour.

Knowles, four frames to the good, had led 37-0 in the fifth frame before Taylor's patient application brought him back into the match.

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, won five frames in a row on Tuesday night to defeat David Taylor 5-3 after 5½ hours for his place in the semi-finals. In the 51-minute seventh frame Taylor collected 87 points which included a break of 61 but conceded 20 points on foul strokes to lose 90-87. The combined aggregate of 177 is believed to be the highest for a single frame in a snooker tournament.

QUARTER-FINALS: N Foulds (Eng) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-3. Frame scores (Foulds first): 63-67, 22-80, 106-0, 81-49, 35-77, 79-41, 75-17, 65-34. C Thorburn (Can) bt David Taylor (Eng), 5-3. Frame scores: (Thorburn first): 18-74, 21-82, 49-59, 61-21, 79-33, 68-55, 90-87, 65-31. T Knowles (Eng) bt Dennis Taylor (NI), 5-4. Frame scores (Knowles first): 58-57, 72-46, 71-17, 69-56, 37-80, 1-61, 8-58, 42-57, 81-46.

Brady may leave over pay dispute

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Liam Brady, the captain of Ascoli, could be on the verge of leading the return of a band of Italian exiles. If the club's president, Ezio Rozzi, does not agree to pay him the money that he is owed, he will ask to be released immediately from his contract.

Although Ascoli's season has been one of failure and disappointment, Brady's frustration is caused only by events on the pitch. His wages, *the highest in the club, have* been withheld since before Christmas and, although he prefers not to reveal the exact sum, it could be as high as £50,000.

Brady moved before the beginning of the season from Inter-Milan, where his relationship with the manager, Ilario Castagner, ended in discord. His stay at Ascoli threatens to be brief. Unless his demands are met, it will strengthen his conviction that his new club can no longer afford to keep him.

Brady, who expects to meet Rozzi within the next few days, may be the first notable exile to leave but he will not be the last. Wilkins and Hateley, of AC Milan, and Francis, still troubled by injury at Atalanta, are almost certain to follow at the end of the season.

Walsall's efforts stir new interest

By Dennis Shaw

Millionaire chairman Terry Ramsden has postponed a business trip to Australia to be at Fellows Park next Monday for the next phase of Walsall's FA Cup campaign.

The third division club's televized feat, enforcing Watford to a memorable 4-4 draw in extra time of their fifth round replay, has assured an all ticket 16,000 sell-out and brought new interest to a Midland scene urgently needing it.

Not since West Bromwich Albion's success in 1968 has the region's FA Cup attention been focussed so hypnotically by one of its clubs.

Ramsden said: "I wouldn't miss it for anything. No-one stamps on Walsall easily now. We are a first division side playing in the third division."

Ramsden, a race-horse owner and legendary gambler added: "I have backed us to win twice and we have drawn. I have got to get some money back so again I shall back us to win."

Whatever happens in the second round replay Walsall, who were in danger of being forced into an unwanted ground share scheme with Birmingham City only last summer, are assured of a useful financial boost.

Manager Tommy Coakley has maintained a calm profile throughout and still insists: "We have done nothing yet except earn another chance."

However, prospects of a *record-breaking quarter-final* against his former club Arsenal at Highbury have swung back Walsall's way. The ITV cameras will not be at Fellows Park to continue the spectacular. They asked Walsall to stage the game on Wednesday so that highlights could be screened but the club insisted on Monday in the event of a further replay which would be at Watford next Thursday.

Identity schemes start

Oxford United and Exeter City yesterday became the first two clubs to confirm they will introduce limited membership schemes next season, following the agreement reached between the Government and the football authorities on Monday.

League clubs are expected to implement membership schemes covering at least 50 per cent of capacity, and Oxford and Exeter will install the Aquix system, which is already in operation at Luton. But, unlike at Kenilworth Road, visiting supporters will be catered for.

League to decide on 'new' name

The Football League may prevent a merged Fulham and Queen's Park Rangers side from taking up a place in the first division. Top flight status would not be guaranteed if the club insisted on a name change, such as Fulham Park Rangers, the League said yesterday.

League spokesman, Andy Williamson, said: "If they are adamant about calling themselves by a different name, and that name is not acceptable to the management committee, they may not be assured of a first division place."

Section 2(A) of the League rules states: "The Football League may from time to time and upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit admit any Association Football Club as a Full Member or expel or accept the retirement of any Full Member from the Football League. Any casual vacancy occurring in either Full or Associate Membership of the Football League may be filled by the Management Committee."

The Committee may decide only a club called Queen's Park Rangers is entitled to first division status – effectively killing off Fulham, despite assurances from chairman David Bulstrode that their identity would be maintained in the new club.

Williamson also revealed the League may not admit a new side to make up the numbers if Fulham and QPR become one club. "It may be decided not to maintain a league of 92 clubs, and rather to reduce its size by natural wastage," he said.

League to discuss merger implications with Bulstrode

The Football League management committee are to hold a special meeting on Sunday to discuss the Fulham and Queen's Park Rangers merger. Graham Kelly, the Football League secretary said yesterday that he has asked David Bulstrode to outline his proposals beforehand.

Kelly said: "I have telephoned Mr Bulstrode and Jim Gregory, the QPR chairman, today in view of the interest in the proposals regarding the two clubs and Mr Bulstrode has promised to submit his proposals to the League as quickly as possible, and we understand that to mean within 24 hours."

● Jimmy Hill yesterday offered to buy the contracts of the Fulham players for £10 "to keep the club alive" (Stuart Jones writes). The proposal, uttered on television during BBC1's *Sports Afternoon*, was rejected by Bulstrode, the chairman of Fulham and of Marler Estates.

Bulstrode, who agreed that the future for Chelsea at Stamford Bridge was "very doubtful indeed," came under fierce attack during the programme.

Hill voiced his suspicion when he asked how much of the money involving the acquisition of the three West London grounds would go back into the game. His own answer was that "£5m, certainly, and up to £10m would go into the pockets of people outside of football."

Although Bulstrode pointed out that no money had yet been "taken out", he conceded that shares in Marler Estates had risen 140p on Tuesday, the day after the merger was announced. Raynsford said they had gone up "in expectation of the profits to be realized" from the redevelopment of Craven Cottage.

The MP thrice repeated his claim that Bulstrode had reneged on a pledge, given in November, that Fulham would stay in their home for "at least two or three years". Bulstrode defended his company's decision by stating that "the circumstances changed when we found out that Loftus Road was available."

He added: "I don't believe football in West London has a future with the number of clubs that are there at the moment. I think we are doing a service by trying to build a strong club at Loftus Road. Fulham was just not viable because of the appallingly low crowds."

Hill complained about the heartlessness of his old club's demise. "If you are talking about viability, then Manchester United and Manchester City should be merged tomorrow. No one can deny that very few clubs are making a profit but there are people in the game who do everything that they can to keep their own clubs alive.

"If you had the game at heart, then why, when the debts were cleared and you had the valuable property, could you not have approached somebody, like me, for instance, and asked them to take over the responsibility of running the club? You could have gone greedily on your way and Fulham would have survived.

"For years Ernie Clay told everybody how much Fulham meant to him. Now he has picked up over £5m and left it to die. A lot of us are sick of asset-strippers coming into football and grabbing the money when there isn't enough to go round in the first place."

Blackpool plan turned down

A scheme to turn Blackpool's Bloomfield Road headquarters into a superstore was rejected by councillors at the town hall yesterday.

Members of the resort's planning and development committee voted unanimously to refuse planning consent. The scheme was put forward by Manchester-based property developers.

The club was hoping to use the £2 million expected from the sale of the ground to pay off their debts and make a fresh start on a new site. The local borough councillors have already turned down one plea for cash help.

Officials listed six reasons for refusal based mainly on the resorts' policy not to allow further superstores until at least 1991 and the creation of traffic problems in the area.

The Bloomfield Road ground, the club's home since 1899, is already in a run-down state, and will almost certainly fail to meet revised stadium safety regulations currently being drafted.

The football club revealed on Tuesday that it had begun talks with Preston North End for a possible use of their Deepdale ground next season.

Giants top list for Wembley

By Robert Kirley

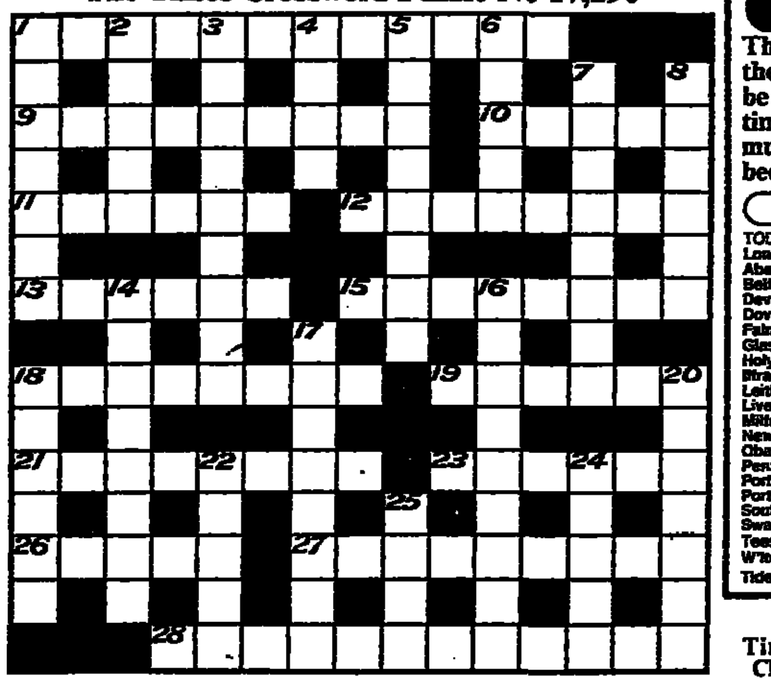
There is a strong possibility that last month's Super Bowl XXI teams will play in American Bowl '87 at Wembley on August 9. The New York Giants and Denver Broncos are the leading candidates to follow in the footsteps of the Chicago Bears and the Dallas Cowboys, who faced each other in a sold-out National Football League pre-season exhibition last summer.

The Giants, led by Phil Simms, the quarterback, beat the Broncos 39-20 in the Super *Bowl at Pasadena.* August 9 is an open date at Wembley after the League Centenary match between the Football League and the Rest of the World on the Saturday.

Joe Rhein, an NFL spokesman, said from New York yesterday that an international match is on the agenda for the league owners' meeting at Maui, Hawaii, in mid-March. Rivals to Wembley may come from West Berlin and Cardiff. The US Government and West German officials are interested in a match as part of the celebrations for West Berlin's 750th anniversary.

Officials of Cardiff have approached the NFL about a match at the Arms Park, but Rhein said that while the proposal has several attractions, the city is not currently under active consideration.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,290



ACROSS
1 Novel ribbing is out of fashion (3,9).
9 Step on it to get high, speaking poetically (4,5).
10 Fool doesn't find an opening in the City (5).
11 At the wicket, I got caught by boy filling in (6).
12 Retreats into the ice to make compact (8).
13 Japanese art and artists enshrined by artist Greenaway (6).
15 Keep back cargo boat thus equipped (8).
18 He's on board – as a steersman? (8).
19 If not cloudy doesn't start (6).
21 Instruct a pupil without ceremony (8).
23 Tower, they say, is a sight worth seeing (6).
26 Hostile characters from Yemen (5).
27 Public opinion is against neat flower – unopened tulip, possibly (3,6).
28 Paste table for covering walls (12).

DOWN
1 As a publicity stunt soldier given medal – iron cross, firstly – by King (7).
2 Pair of oxen left to peasant (5).
3 Not believing he's in the room (9).
4 One's disposed to pry (4).
5 Mr Butler said nothing – Richard's spoken in high-flown language (8).
6 The staff is well-known (5).
7 What a runner grows up to be – an East European (8).
8 Padre's broadcast (6).
14 Models are fired and refined (8).
16 Love to search cells (9).
17 Share "Henry V" in turns (2,6).
18 Club for the motorist (6).
20 Told stories after girl rushed out (7).
22 Of prince or of people – both are upset (5).
24 Deity gathers a collection of animals (5).
25 Drink about ten – that could be the turning point (4).

Concise crossword, page 8; Eliminator puzzle explained, page 15.

WEATHER

Atlantic fronts will move slowly eastwards. E areas of England and SE Scotland will be mainly dry until the evening. There will be a lot of cloud but some places will be bright early on. Central and NW England, the Channel Islands and central and W Scotland will be cloudy. After a dry morning, there will be rain in the afternoon and evening. NE Scotland and the northern isles will be dry and at times quite bright. SW England, Wales, the Isle of Man and Northern Ireland will be wet for much of the day, with heavy rain, but it will turn clearer during the evening. The W and N will become windy. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: turning mild but spells of rain.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.01	6.3	12.38	6.7
Aberdeen	11.57	4.0	–	–
Belfast	9.36	3.4	10.06	3.2
Devonport	4.29	5.1	5.08	5.0
Dover	9.53	6.0	10.17	6.2
Falmouth	3.59	4.9	4.38	4.8
Glasgow	11.29	4.6	–	–
Holyhead	8.58	5.3	9.34	5.3
Ilfracombe	4.37	8.4	5.06	8.5
Leith	1.06	5.1	1.25	5.2
Liverpool	9.55	8.9	10.27	9.0
Milford Haven	4.52	6.5	5.22	6.5
Newquay	3.45	6.5	4.14	6.6
Oban	4.49	3.7	5.25	3.6
Penzance	3.30	5.2	4.06	5.1
Portland	5.24	1.9	6.11	1.8
Portsmouth	9.59	4.3	10.39	4.5
Southampton	9.28	4.2	10.07	4.4
Swansea	4.59	8.7	5.32	8.8
Tees	2.20	4.9	2.30	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	10.24	3.9	10.45	3.8

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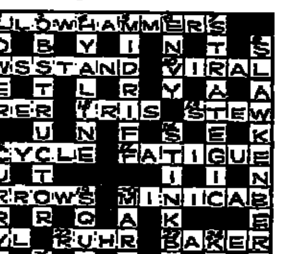

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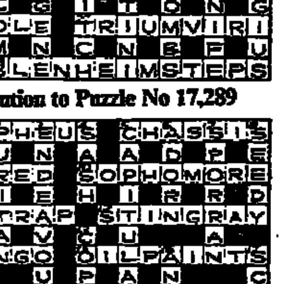

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F
Ajaccio	f	13	55
Akrotiri	f	15	59
Alex'dria	c	18	64
Algiers	r	17	63
Amst'dm	s	2	36
Athens	c	6	43
Bahrain	s	25	77
Barbads*	f	28	82
Barcelna	r	8	46
Beirut			
Belgrade	s	3	37
Berlin	s	1	34
Bermuda*	f	17	63
Biarritz	r	11	52
Borde'x	c	10	50
Brussels	s	0	32
Budapst	s	2	36
B Aires*	f	23	73
Cairo	c	20	68
Cape Tn	s	30	86
C'blanca	c	17	63
Chicago*			
Ch'church	s	17	63
Cologne	s	1	34
C'phagn	c	2	36
Corfu	f	11	52
Dublin	c	4	39
Dubrovnik			
Faro	f	16	61
Florence	c	7	45
Frankfurt	s	-1	30
Funchal	s	18	64
Geneva	s	3	37
Gibraltar	f	17	63
Helsinki	s	-12	10
Hong K	c	18	64
Innsbrck	s	5	41
Istanbul	f	1	34
Jeddah	s	31	88
Jo'burg*	f	28	82
Karachi	f	23	73
L Palmas			
Le Tquet	f	4	39
Lisbon	f	16	61
Locarno	c	4	39
L Angels*	s	10	50
Luxembg	s	-1	30
Madrid	d	11	52
Majorca	r	12	54
Malaga	f	18	64
Malta	s	15	59
Melb'rne	s	18	64
Mexico C*			
Miami*	r	21	70
Milan			
Montreal*			
Moscow	f	-8	18
Munich	s	0	32
Nairobi	f	28	82
Naples	f	10	50
N Delhi	s	21	70
N York*	s	5	41
Nice	c	9	48
Oslo	c	-5	23
Paris	c	3	37
Peking	s	-1	30
Perth			
Prague	s	-2	28
Reykjvik	sn	2	36
Rhodes	f	12	54
Rio de J	s	28	82
Riyadh			
Rome			
Salzburg	f	3	37
S F'risco*	s	9	48
Santiago*	s	25	77
S Paulo*	f	31	88
Seoul	s	-2	28
Sing'por	c	30	86
St'kholm	s	-9	16
Strasb'rg	c	0	32
Sydney	f	23	73
Tangier	f	17	63
Tel aviv	s	17	63
Tenerife			
Tokyo	c	7	45
Toronto*	s	-1	30
Tunis	s	17	63
Valencia	f	13	55
Vanc'ver	s	8	46
Venice			
Vienna	s	1	34
Warsaw	sn	-1	30
Wash'ton*	f	7	45

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Bridlington	0.9	.03	3	37	cloudy
Lowestoft	3.3	-	3	37	snow
Clacton	5.6	-	4	39	sunny
Southend	5.6	-	3	37	bright
Folkestone	6.9	-	3	37	sunny
Eastbourne	7.1	-	4	39	sunny
Brighton	7.7	-	4	39	sunny
Southsea	7.6	-	5	41	sunny
Shanklin	6.7	-	5	41	sunny
Bournemth	5.1	-	5	41	sunny
Weymouth	4.0	-	5	41	sunny
Exmouth	0.2	-	4	39	cloudy
Torquay	0.5	-	5	41	bright
Falmouth	*	-	5	41	cloudy
Penzance	0.4	-	5	41	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.9	-	6	43	cloudy
Minehead	0.1	-	4	39	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	0.1	-	4	39	bright
B'ham Airpt	0.9	-	3	37	cloudy
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.8	-	5	41	bright
N'ctl-n-Tyne	1.4	-	3	37	bright
Anglesey	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Cardiff (Ctrl)	0.7	-	4	39	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Aberdeen	1.9	-	4	39	bright
Edinburgh	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	5	41	dull
Lerwick	7.4	-	4	39	sunny
Prestwick	2.3	-	5	41	bright
Belfast	-	.06	4	39	sleet

These are yesterday's figures
*Figures not available

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.25
Austria Sch	20.55	19.45
Belgium Fr	61.60	58.20
Canada $	2.125	2.026
Denmark Kr	11.03	10.43
Finland Mkk	7.41	6.91
France Fr	9.72	9.22
Germany Dm	2.94	2.78
Greece Dr	226	206
Hong Kong $	12.35	11.75
Ireland Pt	1.104	1.044
Italy Lira	2085	1965
Japan Yen	250	236
Netherlands Gld	3.31	3.13
Norway Kr	11.22	10.62
Portugal Esc	221	211
South Africa Rd	4.10	3.40
Spain Pta	203.25	193.25
Sweden Kr	10.38	9.83
Switzerland Fr	2.465	2.335
USA $	1.603	1.533
Yugoslavia Dnr	910	820

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 394.5

London: The *FT* Index closed up 25.7 at 1584.9.

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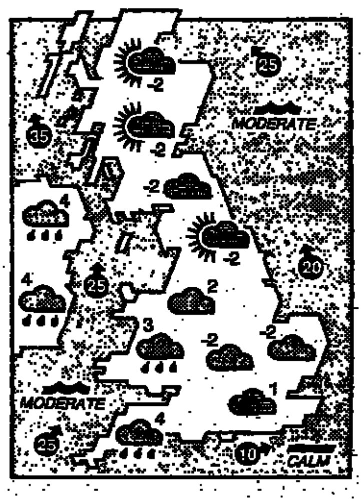

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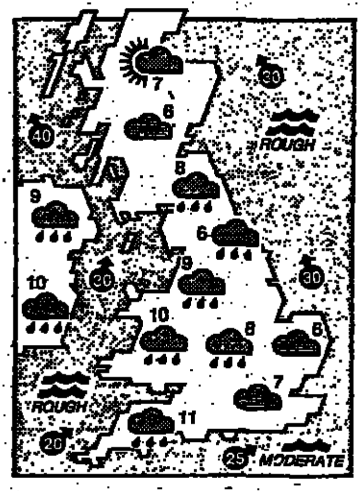

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.05 pm to 6.21 am
Bristol 6.14 pm to 6.31 am
Edinburgh 6.09 pm to 6.41 am
Manchester 6.10 pm to 6.33 am
Penzance 6.28 pm to 6.41 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -1C (30F) Humidity: 6 pm, 54 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.5hrs Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,115.2 millibars, rising
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F
Belfast	c	3	37
B'mgham	c	2	36
Blackpool	s	4	39
Bristol	s	5	41
Cardiff	c	2	36
Edinburgh	f	3	37
Glasgow	f	3	37
Guernsey	r	4	39
Inverness	s	3	37
Jersey	c	5	41
London	s	5	41
M'nchstr	s	3	37
Newcastle	f	3	37
R'ldsway	f	3	37

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4C (39F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C (27F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.2hrs.

Sun rises: 6.54 am
Sun sets: 5.35 pm
Moon rises 6.44 am
Moon sets 3.21 pm
New Moon February 28

NOON TODAY